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**OUR SENIOR YEAR**

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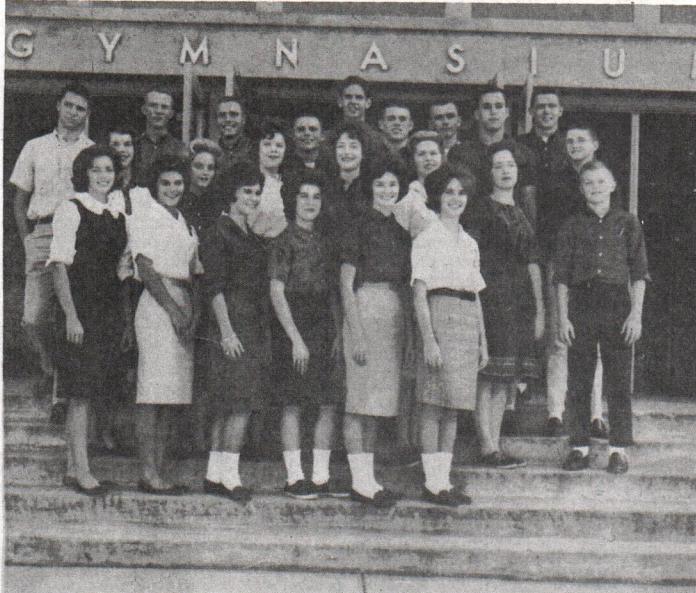
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# Bear Facts presents class favorites



Class favorite for Sophomore, Junior and Senior classes are presented by Bear Facts.

## Key Club delegates attend convention

by Al Mather

Outstanding speakers, sparkling entertainment features, hard fought elections, contests in which the judges were sharply pressed to make decisions among many excellent entries—all these and Disneyland too, added up to a highly successful summer event, the nineteenth Annual Convention of Key Club International at Long Beach, California, July 1-4. Those attending the convention were: Pettus Randall, Warren Day, and Al Mather.

Vigorous campaigning and electioneering by many supporters paid off for Pettus Randall, who was elected to the highest office in Key Club.

The Honorable Barry Goldwater, U. S. Senator from Arizona, captured his Key Club audience with his address.

In a moving Sunday evening address the Reverend Bob Richards, twice Olympic decathlon champion, urged Key Clubbers to set their goals high, never be satisfied with mere mediocrity.

I. R. Witthuhn, president of Kiwanis International, recalled the beginnings of Key Clubbing in California and what has happened to Key Clubs since then.

The dramatic theme—Fulfill Freedom's Challenge—under which Key Clubbers will exert their efforts in school and community for the coming year's objectives on Sunday night.

The two major national holidays

of both Canada and the United States were saluted; on July 1, Canada's Dominion Day and on July 4, U. S.'s Independence Day.

Although fifty-four amendments to the International Constitution and by-laws were adopted at this convention, they were relatively minor changes, in effect updating the documents rather than making any major changes in them.

Pat Boone was present to give out the awards on talent night.

During the time between convention meetings, Long Beach was overrun by over two thousand young men from all over the nation.

The trip to the convention and the return home were something everyone who went will always remember. Some of the places visited were: New Orleans; Carlsbad Caverns; Juaze, Mexico; Las Angles; San Francisco; Salt Lake City; Air Force Academy; St. Louis; and Atlanta. In each of these and many other places, the boys got to see many of the things most people just read about.

"Democratic freedom has failed in some countries because people have slept. Tyranny degrades both those who exercise it and those who allow it. Recognizing that freedom can be kept only by vigilance, use, and practice and that it is time to reassess the principles of our freedom Key Club International sends forth its call to . . ."

Fulfill Freedoms Challenge.

This year, for the first time, the Bear Facts has been given the privilege of announcing the Black Warrior Favorites. We would like to express our appreciation for this honor to Mrs. Vibbatt and the Black Warrior Staff.

The selection for the Sophomore Beauty was Linda Campbell. The Most Popular Girl of the Sophomore class is one of our cheerleaders, Lana Johnson. The Most Handsome and the Most Popular boys of the Sophomore class are two of a kind: Most Handsome, Wayne Wright and Most Popular, Payne Wright. Best All-Around Boy of the class is one of our Black Bear managers, Charlie Fleming, while the Best All-Around Girl is blond Linda Reid.

The Juniors elected the always beautiful Nan Taylor as their Most Beautiful Girl. They selected footballer Dwain Archibald as the Most Handsome Boy. The likable Ann Banks was elected as the Juniors' Most Popular Girl. The Most Popular

Boy in the Junior class is Jay Smith. Another cheerleader is the Best All-Around Girl in the Junior class, Connie Strickland. The Best All-Around Boy is Shep Park.

Seniors Most Likely to Succeed are industrious Ann Newman and Pettus Randall. The Most Popular Boy is "Mr. Football," Hank Herrrod. The Most School-Spirited Girl is another cheerleader, Jean Nisbet. The ever beautiful Susan Woodley is the Senior Beauty. The Most Handsome Boy of the Senior Class is Ronnie Ezell. The Best All-Around Girl and Boy are Alice Ann Duncan and John Caldwell.

At the time this story was written, there were to be run-offs in these categories: Most Popular Girl, Rebecca Wright and Nancy Quinn; Most Dependable Girl, Patti Hicks and Ann Lee; Friendliest Boy, Sammy Maze and Ed Pickett. Friendliest Girl, Judy Nisbet and Mary Helen Roberts; Most Athletic Boy, Joe Simon and Dwain Winstead; Most Dependable Boy, Billy Ray and John Pickens.

## Letter to THS students written by principal, Greer

Dear Students of Tuscaloosa High School:

I appreciate the opportunity of greeting you in this our first issue of the 1962-63 Bear Facts. I want to express my appreciation to all the students for their fine cooperation in getting this new school year underway. It is my opinion and one expressed to me by many others, that we have had one of the best school openings we have ever had. The kind of school we have is determined largely by the students who make up our school. If the students have a good attitude, a real school spirit, and a mind to work, we will always have a good school. I am thankful every day for the privilege of working with such a fine group of students and teachers.

I believe that one of the most important parts of one's school experience is his relationship with his teachers. Teachers are different as all people are different, and it is the student's responsibility to learn to work with those teachers with whom he is placed. Records show that far more people who have not learned to work and get along with other people fail than do those who lack ability. It is my hope this year that we as teachers and students can so discipline our lives that we can live peacefully with one another and work hard in order that we may have one of the most profitable and most enjoyable school years we have ever had.

If anyone tries to influence you away from your school work or tempt

you in any way that would cause you to do less than your best, I hope you will say with the prophet Nehemiah, "I am doing a great work so that I cannot come down". Your school work is a great work and far more important than we sometimes realize, and you will be thankful the remainder of your life that you did your best, or else you will regret that you failed to do better in high school. Don't let the opportunity to improve this year slip through your fingers without grasping it.

Sincerely,  
H. E. Greer, Principal



Mr. Greer, principal of THS

## SALUTING H. P. R.



## School problems go on . . . .

In three years we will be on shifts again, unless something is done. The people of Tuscaloosa are experiencing a false security if they think our educational worries are over. They've only been temporarily delayed.

No one wants to see the shift system come into being again; they disrupt the whole school system. Freshmen aren't able to take any but the basic subjects; extra curricular club meetings become a real problem and assemblies for the whole student body are an impossibility.

The voters of Tuscaloosa recently passed a tax to relieve the shifts. It is doubtful if they'll pass another one in just three years.

The population of Alabama is increasing and it's a logical assumption that some of these people are taxpayers. With more people paying taxes and more taxes going to education, surely with careful management, an adequate number of school rooms and teachers could be provided for Tuscaloosa schools.

Looking back on past elections, one wonders what happened to the perfect solutions to our educational problems that all the candidates had during their campaigns. Have they forgotten them so quickly?

## Just Thinking

by

Editor-in-Chief

As usual at this time of year I would like to welcome all THS students back to school. This welcome, of course, includes all new students who have entered Tuscaloosa High for the first time. Seeing as we are almost at the end of this reporting period, I hope that everyone has finally realized that school is actually under way.

For the second time in two years Tuscaloosa High School has a new system to provide for the ever growing population of knowledge seekers. Last year it was the double shift, and this year it's going to be the three grade system. This seems to be working quite nicely as it has cut our student body from 1900 to 1500 students. It seems, though, that the number of THS students is going to jump back to the old figure of 1900 within the next couple of years.

We also seem to be right in the midst of another yearly event at this fine school, twirl season. Yes, it's that glorious time of year (for boys) when the girls must pick up the tab for the evening on the town. The young lady is also supposed to provide for the transportation, but in

some cases this is overlooked. For anyone who doesn't know of this ritual it goes something like this: the girl must ask the boy for a date and she must call for him wherever he may be at the time of the date. The young man will usually be found at home studying diligently or at his home away from home, the Dog (Char) House—studying diligently. The young lady must open all doors for her date and buy tickets at the movie. When the time comes to go home the young lady should, of course, see the boy safely to his door. This ends the twirl date.

Except for one mishap our football season seems to have started satisfactorily. The Black Bears lost one of their number one men when they lost senior quarterback, Jim Marlowe. Big Jim received four cracked vertebrae in our first game of the year. I am sure that the whole student body joins me in wishing him a speedy recovery. At the time this article was written, Coach Henderson's Bears were getting ready to give Bessemer a run for their money. We all hope that the Bears will end up with a fine record for the season.

## Editorialist queries Herrod on Council, book exchange

What will this year be like? Who will make it a success or a failure? A great deal of the responsibility of this year's successes or failures rests with our student body president Hank Herrod.

For an idea of what Hank plans to make out of this school year, we sent a Bear Facts representative to interview him. When asked what he had done over the summer toward the betterment of THS he answered, "Nothing much . . . I worked on the Red Book . . . I'll have to wait until we have our first meeting to really start working."

Is this a sample of things to come? We hope with the first student council meeting some definite plans will be made. This is something the students of THS have a right and a duty to demand from our elected officers and representatives. All too often we elect people to work for us and then demand nothing. An employer who allowed his employees to work this way wouldn't have a business; and so we won't have a good year and an effective student government unless we see to it that campaign promises are made student policies.

### President of Decatur High School contacted

The most talked about campaign pledge of the year was that of a Tuscaloosa High book exchange. Herrod told our representative that he had contacted the president of Decatur High School, a school with a successful book exchange, to get some details. Since this information had not arrived at the time of the interview, Herrod was unable to give details of this program. From all accounts this is a feasible project which would result in savings for all student and parents and perhaps some extra money for our school.

The students appear to be behind this project, and President Herrod has begun working toward making this pledge a reality. Nothing will happen until we start definite work.

Students of THS, let your student council representatives know you are for this project, and most of all let Hank know that you are behind this project! Demand positive action and you will get positive results!

## Stay in school

Stay in school—a streetsweeper in Detroit needs a high school diploma. Dropouts always face the problem of unemployment. 350,000 students quit elementary or high school in 1961. Their unemployment rate in the fall was 27 per cent. 900,000 students graduated from high school in June 1961. Their unemployment rate was 18 per cent. Even when you get a job as a dropout, you're likely to get an undesirable one because you are unskilled or semi-skilled.

Stay in school! If you do, your future will be brighter and you will have a good chance of getting a better job. The rewards are great for remaining in high school until graduation.

## Bouquets AND BRICKBATS

By Billie Blair

What is pabulum? Pabulum brings to mind a bland food; your tastebuds aren't awakened at the mention of the word as they would be with, say, chili peppers. Pabulum is usually for babies and people with weak stomachs. Babies are fed their pabulum by someone else, rather than eagerly spooning it in themselves. When presented with a choice between it and an array of more palatable foods, probably few would choose pabulum to eat and be satisfied.

Yet every day many of us choose pabulum. We choose the bland, the smooth and easy way. We assume a "just-to-get-by" attitude toward school work. We don't take an interest in the affairs about us or if we do, sit back and say nothing, rarely expressing our opinion. We don't speak up enough against things we don't like and forget to comment on the things we do like. We're reluctant to throw our bouquets and brickbats. We shove spoonful after spoonful of pabulum into our mouths. And pabulum is what issues forth. This isn't to suggest that those chili peppers should be our steady diet and with every breath screams of discontent to be shouted; only that pabulum must not remain our steady diet.

In this column we shall attempt to toss out a few compliments and criticisms (bouquets and brickbats). Many times you may not agree. That is your privilege. We only ask that you search for the right as you see

it and then stand up for it. That, as a citizen in a democracy, is not only your privilege, but your duty as well. In short, we're not children anymore. We must begin to make decisions, to form opinions and voice them that we may take part in the world's affairs.

Let's throw away our baby spoons and our Huckleberry Hound cereal bowls and, our pabulum!



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Adviser ..... Mrs. Wynell Burroughs

It is the policy of the **Bear Facts** to report the news accurately and to interpret the news fairly.

## New teachers here

This year at Tuscaloosa High School, there are eleven new teachers. These new teachers, when asked to comment concerning life at THS gave these replies. Mrs. Roberts said "Girls hair-do's are getting larger and their skirts shorter." Mrs. Darden commented, "The obvious pride and co-operation of the students of THS has impressed me." Mrs. Kemp, the new girls physical education teacher, noticed that the girl's P.E. facilities are much better than at Jr. High. Mrs. Box and Mr. McArthur agreed that it was "good to be back." Mr. Merrill, the new guidance counselor, replied, "I think THS is a fine school and I'm happy to be a part of it." Mr. Patrick is happy to be starting his teaching career at THS and he feels very fortunate to be associated with so many students and teachers. Mrs. Martin said, "I think that we are getting off to a good start." Mrs. Hughen commented that she is enjoying teaching very much. Mr. Holmes expressed his opinion in these words, "This is a very fine school, and I'm very happy to be a teacher here at Tuscaloosa High." Mrs. Eubanks, teacher of special education was unavailable for comment as she teaches at different schools and is only at THS during a small portion of the day.



Mr. Merrill

## Spanish Club meets

The Spanish Club held its first meeting this year in the small auditorium on September 18. Diane Harris spoke and showed pictures taken on vacation in Madrid, Spain.

The club hopes to have many wonderful projects during the coming year. The officers for 1962-1963 are: president, Susan Woodley; vice-president, Cam Carty; secretary, Rebecca Wright; treasurer, Nancy Quinn; and sergeant-at-arms, Jimmy Wilson.

The club is under the guidance of Mrs. del Valle and Mrs. Lackey.

## Key Club considers new club members

On Thursday, September 13, the Key Club held its first meeting of the year. The object of the meeting was suggestion and preliminary screening of new members. The vacancies to be filled are for eight juniors and nine sophomores. Nominees will be screened by the members; then, the office.

From that point, they will be invited to meetings to consider membership. This year's officers are: John Caldwell, president; Warren Day, vice-president; Al Mather, secretary-treasurer; and John Pickens, chaplain. Committee Chairmen are: Roy Harris, program chairman; Hank Herron, project chairman; Jan McMinn, house chairman; Ed Pickett, social chairman; and Bill Shamblin, Inter-Club representative. Carry-over members from last year in addition to the above, are: Wilbur Manderson, Pettus Randall, and Jack Jackson.

## Club to sell mums

On September 20, the Diversified Occupation Club Officers held their first meeting and began making plans for the Homecoming Mum Sale. The money from this sale will go into a scholarship fund for the most deserving senior.

Other plans were made also. They have to go to the State Executive and Advisory Board Committee for approval before they are definite.

Mike Meadows, the D.O. School Club President Also State Club President, presided over the meeting.

## Latin Club holds meeting Sept. nineteenth, in park

The Junior Classical League held its first meeting Thursday, September 19, at Eastwood Park. The main events of the program were Roman and Greek olympic games such as egg-throwing, instead of discus-throwing, and wheelbarrow-races instead of chariot racing.

Officers for this year are: Roy Harris, president; Eugene Poole, first vice-president; Luis Ramirez, second vice-president; Beth Caldwell, secretary-treasurer; Jackie Hatmaker, historian; and Mrs. Fines, sponsor.

## Bear Facts names new staff

A new school year is here and so is a new Bear Facts. Chris Curtis, editor-in-chief, is back for his second year. Pete Clark has been assigned the new post of assistant editor-in-chief. Greg Congleton will serve as photographer; Patty Cameron as business manager; and Shirley Christ as corresponding secretary.

The Bear Facts staff is divided into four different sections. Each editor has a page or section of the paper. The journalism class divides and each person works on one section.

Norma Lancaster, news page editor, has a staff of six: Eleanor Loughborough, Jan McMinn, Ralph Hayden, Jimmy Timmerman, Klinner

## Merrill is named new director

This year at THS there has been a change in the Guidance Department. Mr. Merrill is replacing Mr. Upchurch as guidance counselor.

Mr. Merrill is originally from Dozier, Alabama. While attending Dozier High School, he was a member of the National Honor Society.

He has also attended Troy State, Howard College and the University of Alabama.

While attending the U of A, he was made a member of the honorary fraternity Phi Beta Kappa.

After receiving his BS degree in 1950, he served Uncle Sam in Korea as a guidance counselor. He is a qualified teacher in biology and chemistry. During the summer, he works in a Dozier bank.

Mr. Merrill welcomes any student who needs counseling and guidance to come see him.

## Members attend Blue Ridge

Tuscaloosa County's Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y clubs were represented at the Blue Ridge Leadership Conference, August 12 through 18th. The trip was designed to serve as an officers' training camp for all clubs. All the Southeastern states were represented.

After leaving at midnight on August 12, the Tuscaloosa delegation was joined enroute by the sixteen members of the Birmingham delegation. A bus was chartered for the trip.

On arrival delegates took part in varied activities. Chapter meetings were held to give officers an opportunity to observe and participate in an ideal Hi-Y Club. Delegates were also assigned to workshop groups according to their offices in the local clubs. Afternoons were spent in various sports in which states competed with each other. At night social activities such as dances and movies were held.

Chaperones of the Tuscaloosa delegation were Mr. Doyle Holliday and Mrs. G. H. Pool. Billy Ray was president of Tuscaloosa's delegation. THS students attending were: Phebe Thomas, Frank Greer, Billy Ray, Amalie Buck, Pete Clark, Linda O'Neal, Ellen Boozer, Dennie Standard, Marion Pearson, Barbara Brooks, Sue Cannon, Billie Jo Seale, Reita Stone, Sammy Maze, and Linda Armstrong.

## County Hi-Y, Tri-Hi-Y Sponsors Contest

Name the paper and win a prize! This is the contest being sponsored by the Tuscaloosa County Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y Council to name the bi-monthly newsletter put out by the council.

The newsletter will contain news of interest to people of Tuscaloosa County who are members of a Hi-Y or Tri-Hi-Y club.

The editor-in-chief of the newsletter is Pete Clark. Members of his staff are: Dennis Standard, Mary Tillotson and Jimmy Adams. Any one who is a member of a Hi-Y or Tri-Hi-Y club, and would like to help on the newsletter staff, please contact any of the above persons.

On September 16, the County Council meeting was held with Billy Ray presiding over the meeting. The program, a film on the Hi-Y movement in America, was given by Dale Brown from TCHS. Billy Ray told about the retreat scheduled for the last of this month.

The new secretary of the Y.M.C.A., Mr. Holiday, was introduced to the council.

## Chi Ro begins year

Starting the year off with a bang, the Chi Ro Hi-Y had a party for its prospective members the first week of school.

At their first meeting about 12 new members attended. Pete Clark, president, commented, "This is going to be a great year. With a club of 20 members anything can be done if enough effort is placed behind it."

This year's officers are: president, Pete Clark; vice-president, Jimmy Adams; secretary, Don Johnson; treasurer, Howard Bassett; Chaplin, Frank Greer; sergeant-at-arms, Ralph Hayden.

Steve Patrick was elected county council representative.

The officers attended a leadership training conference at Camp Cherry Austin held the 29 and 30 of Sept.

## YMCA retreat held

"Christian Emphasis" was the theme for the Black Bear Hi-Y as they started the new year. The club, with a new slate of officers, has already outlined a program for this fall.

The club is under the leadership of the following: Bob Hopper, president; Jim LaMoreaux, vice-president; Dennis Stanard, secretary; Bob Pritchett, treasurer; Tom Ashley, chaplain; and Jon Sasser, sergeant-at-arms.

Activities already planned include a club party for new members, officers retreat, a club trip to the Lanier game, and a community service project.

New members are always welcome and should contact any member as to the time of the meetings.

## Mrs. Rankin gives lecture at Forensic League meeting

The Forensic League (Debate Club) held its first meeting of the year on September 17 in the small auditorium.

The new officers for this year will be Ronald Davis, president; Mary Tillotson, vice-president; Elaine Alexander, secretary; Robert Bagley, treasurer; Richard Rhone, sergeant-at-arms; and Carol Curry, reporter.

Plans were discussed for future contests, debates, and activities. An election was held to select a new secretary and reporter.

Mrs. Rankin, speech teacher, provided the program by giving a lecture on "How To Talk."

THS students who are interested in debating or public speaking should contact Ronald Davis or another officer.

Meetings will be held the second Tuesday of every month in the small auditorium.

## Requirements given

The Math Club is for interested students who are enrolled in their third year of college preparatory math and have maintained a "B" average. The club meets the first Monday in each month in room 212 of the Physics Building at the University.

The programs are presented by high school students and professors from the University. The Math Club's projects often supplement the math department at high school. The members raised money for a mathematics library in Mrs. Marion Smith's room. The federal government later matched the money.

The club's first meeting is scheduled for October 1 at 7:00 P.M.

## *She is back*

Have you been seeing a cute young lady, with brown hair and brown eyes running around school this year? Did you think she may be "one-of-us" but looked about two years too old? Well—let me tell you about her. She really is "one-of-us".

Back in 1957, when she was a senior at THS, her name was Wynell Gray. She played in the band, sung



in the Mixed Chorus and was a member of the All-State Chorus.

After graduating from THS she entered the University of Alabama.

Wynell worked hard at the University, but all work and no play made her a dull girl—and so—she looked around for something to do. She had just begun to look when she saw Charlie Burroughs. She devoted much time to her new game and before long she became Mrs. Burroughs.

Mr. and Mrs. Burroughs have a darling little daughter, Abbie, who is 1½ years old.

If you see Mrs. Burroughs wearing green dresses most of the time, think nothing about it. That was her mother's favorite color, she grew up in it, and now she just can't get away from the habit.

It's so nice to have Wynell Gray back in our school as our very own Mrs. Burroughs.

## *Personals*

**HEY, THERE!** Now that I've got your attention, What'd you do this summer? See if you can find it mentioned below!

Jan Moore vacationed in Canada. Barbara Miller and her parents spent some time in New Orleans.

Brenda McMillan spent time in Georgia and Arizona visiting cousins.

Anne Faircloth spent some time in New York and also Philadelphia.

John Cruse was in P. C. when it was 185 degrees below! Or at least that's what he says.

Richard Snow, Tom Ashby, Larry Beatus and Bill Elliott spent their vacation sleeping on the beach in P. C. and Daytona Beach. They also visited New York City.

Judy Davidson spent two weeks touring New York and Maine with her family. They also stopped to see her fiancee, Jerry Marchant.

New York, Washington, and Vermont saw Pam Mitchell and Cary Christian this summer.

After attending the National Key Club Convention in California, Al Mather visited Mexico.

Much to the envy of everyone, Jane and Ann Banks toured Europe this summer.

Needless to say, P. C. saw just about everyone from THS.

## How to live on a budget

"Pop, how about advancing me a couple' dollars on my allowance? I ran a little short this week, and I've a heavy date to-night"

Does this short but desperate speech sound familiar? Naturally, all of us have this type of problem. No matter how hard we try to stretch out the fast disappearing change (more often called allowance by such people as parents), we simply always run short. Now, some of us (the more practical squares) even try a budget—with an allowance yet. Of course, we have definitely come to the conclusion that this isn't such a hot idea. Simply won't work, will it?

Now getting to the heart of the matter, what we discover, or rather, decide, is that the mommas and papas don't give out with enough moo-la. But, is this always true? Just take a good look at the bare facts.

For instance, do you have any idea how much cool cash we part with for just such fattening and bad-for-us-things as cokes? Or, candy, gas, potato chips, etc. Let's take an average afternoon and night for example. The student gets out of school and where does he, or she as the case might be, aim the jalopie first? You guessed it! Un mistakably the after school hangout. On arriving we part

### Coaches just worry

With the opening of school comes the glorious football season. The sport itself is exciting; but when it's played by your own friends and classmates, it is doubly so. The boys on the teams work all week and worry about the game; the boys in school work all week and worry about getting a date to the game; the girls worry about both! Fathers worry about making men out of their boys and mothers worry about their sons not getting to play, while the poor teachers worry about the teams' grades! Coaches just worry!!!

This is a thrilling time in the school year. You can almost see the tension in the school as the "day of the game" comes. This event touches the lives of brothers and sisters, grandparents, aunts and uncles, friends and the general public of a town. It is amazing how many "fans" follow a team through the season. It is really something to see the stands filled, the boys in uniform running out on the field, the band playing loudly, the cheerleaders jumping around and the coaches "worrying." Wouldn't you like to hear what the coach says to the team during half, or would you?

When the game is over, there are good and bad winners and losers in the stands as well as on the field. A good quotation for the bad loser to remember is, "You can't win 'em all!"

At the end of the season you will see the proud wearers of their beautiful new letter sweaters and also hear the swoons from all the girls who hope to wear them.

So:

Get in the swing, join in the fun  
Help the boys when they start to run  
Yell and stamp and make a noise  
Let them know we back our boys,  
Give the cheers, give them praise,  
When "Old Glory" we start to raise  
Make 'em proud, make 'em see  
We live in the "Land of the Free"  
Where sport is sport and fun is fun  
And coaches worry 'till day is done!!

with as much as 50c on certain irresistible snacks such as cokes or french fries. Also, we mustn't forget the gas we used to get there. (All of us aren't fortunate enough to have parents who buy the gas, are we?) Then, we gather enough courage to head for home.

After supper, we're off again. For boys, there has to be enough money for two people. Guess why? But, don't think the girls get off so easy; there are all those paints, frills, basketball and football games, and gossip gatherings to go to unescorted. Yes, girls need money too.

But, now let's get back to the boys. For a date, a boy parts with a couple' greenbacks anyway. Right boys? And then, he spends just as much when he goes out with the fellows. Anyone who wants to produce a pencil and start figuring up such amounts in the terms of weekly allowances, will find it runs into quite a bit more than your allowance offers. For the part-time workers, things may not look as bleak, but for their lazier pals, it's a dark, dark road ahead

Now, we are faced with the \$64,000 question? Is there a solution? Is there any way I can make my allowance stretch to cover the bare necessities? Well, if you've already tried cutting every corner possible, and still come up with things to pay for and no money to do it with, there is only one other possible answer to come up with—give up cokes, gum, dates, riding around and buying records. It may be a little hard at first, but after you get use to it, it's really not too bad! Certainly this sounds a little harsh but some day, if you survive you may even thank yourself for saving your teeth, complexion, stomach, and even your do-re-me. So, brave up and give it a try!!

(Some idiots would be stupid enough to try this but really, the only smart thing to do is beg for more moo-la from pop!)

**Bear Facts** is always interested in hearing your views of our school life. Letters from students, teachers and other interested persons will receive due consideration for publication in "letters to the editor." You can give your letter to any member of the **Bear Facts** staff.

## Just plain country!

Dear Jobie Mae,

I jest sit down to pencil you a letter, but pardon the blotches 'cause my pen leaks.

I hope you come to see me sometime soon. I don't live where I used to 'cause I moved to where I live now. I'm sorry we live so far together. I wished we lived closer apart. When ya get here, ya can jest ask anybody where I live 'cause nobody knows.

My Aunt Nellie died yesterdie and doing nicely. Hope ya'll doing the same. My cousin has the mumps and is having a swell time. She is at death's door and the doctor is trying to pull her through.

I started to Birmingham the other day to see ya. I saw a sign that said: "This will take you to Birmingham." I set on the thing fer three hours, but the darned thing didn't budge!

I sent you a coat the other day, but to make it weigh less I took the buttons off. If you want them, they're in the pocket.

I'm sending you my picture in this letter, but fer fear of losing it, I took it out. I hope it's pleasing to ya.

By the way, I fergot to send you the money I owe you. I sealed the envelope before I remembered it.

Your beloved friend,  
Irvine

## Darned if I know —

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Where can a man buy a cap for his knee?

Or a key to a lock of his hair?

Can his eyes be called an academy because there are pupils there?

What jewels can be found on the crown of his head?

Who travels the bridge on his nose? Do the calves of his legs get hungry at times

And feed on the corns of his toes? Can the crook of his elbow be put in jail?

Where the shade is in the palm of his hand?

Can he wittle a stick with his shoulder blade?

I'm blessed if I quite understand!!!!"



# THS has come a long way since 1890 -

This is the story of a town and a school. Within a period of about 65 years the town grew from a village into a thriving metropolis; the school grew from an enrollment of 11 to almost 2,000. The story of such progress is a fascinating one.

In 1891, Benjamin Harrison was president of the United States. Tuscaloosa recorded a population of 4,215. The University of Alabama, just 60 years old, had an enrollment of not quite 200. The nation was first reading of a 13-year-old Tuscaloosa, Alabama, girl who was struggling to overcome tremendous handicaps — Helen Keller.

On the evening of May 29, 1891, the first senior class to receive diplomas in a Tuscaloosa public school numbered 5 (4 boys and a girl). The historic occasion occurred 16 years before an act of the Alabama Legislature on August 7, 1907, which established secondary public schools in Alabama.

## FIRST PUBLIC SCHOOL WAS OLD STAFFORD

The first public school in Tuscaloosa was Stafford School, which was demolished seven years ago to make way for what is now Hotel Stafford.

The session of 1890-91 had an enrollment of 260, 11 of whom were classified as high school students.

The high school curriculum included general history and civil government; compositions and declamations were required regularly; courses in Latin, grammar, algebra, geometry, arithmetic, psychology, bookkeeping, physics, German, geology, and Greek were offered.

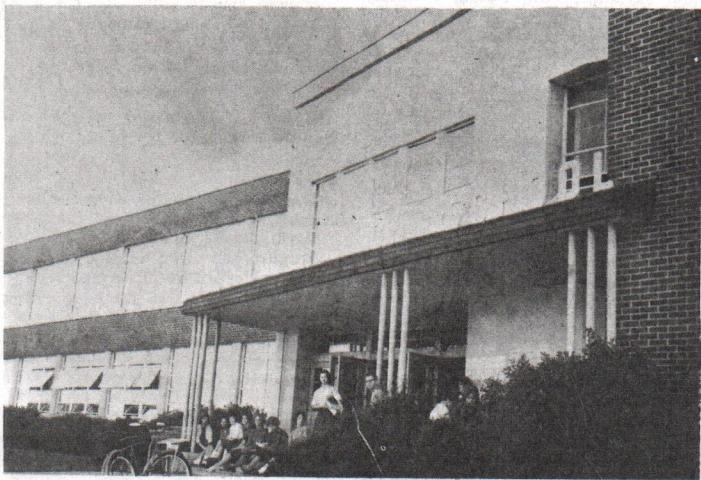
## GIRLS ADMITTED IN 1890

From the beginning of the public high school system in Tuscaloosa, girls were admitted, and the highest average of the first graduating class was made by the one girl in the class.

The first superintendent was Professor Carleton Mitchell of Atlanta.

## HIGH SCHOOL DISCONTINUED FROM 1893-1900

In the hard times following 1893, the schools struggled along with



Tuscaloosa High School 1955

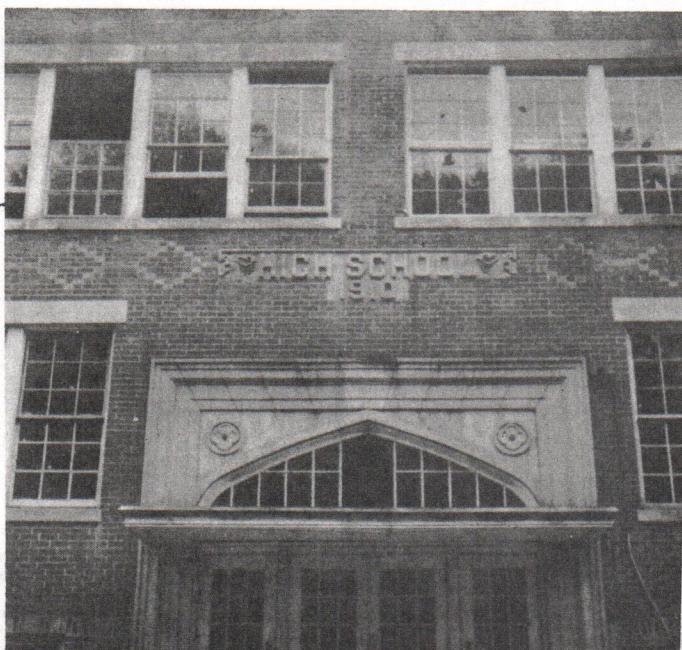
limited revenues. The high school department had to be discontinued until 1900. Frequently schools were kept open only through the efforts of the board, who sometimes paid expenses out of their own funds. Quarters were cramped, equipment was poor, the teaching staff was inadequate. Teachers, on more than one occasion, taught without pay so that the school terms could be completed.

The graduating class of 1900, the year of the reopening of the high school department, was 7, six girls and one boy.

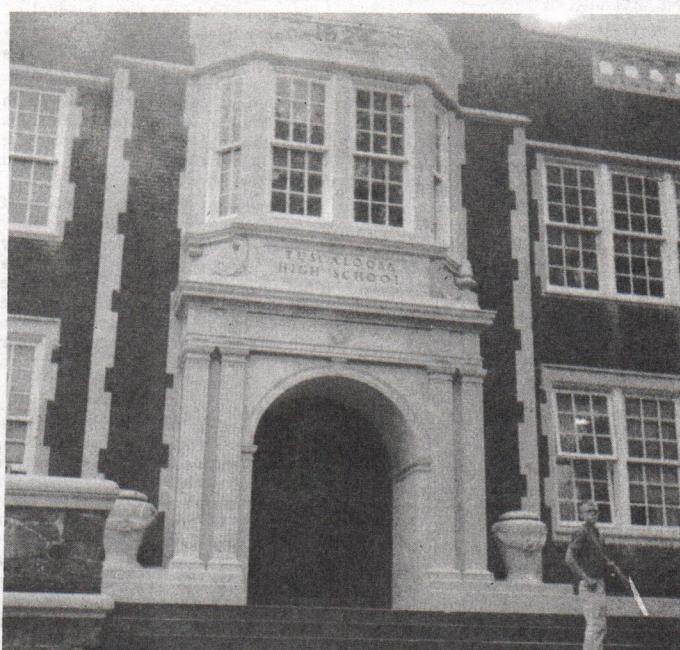
The population of Tuscaloosa by 1900 had increased to 6,271.

## NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING OPENED IN 1911

1911 was a great year for the development of Tuscaloosa High School. A new high school building was opened on February 7, 1911, with 125 students and five teachers with Frank L. Grove as principal. The building still stands on 10th street and was used as a junior high school until the junior high students were moved into their present building.



Tuscaloosa High School 1911



Tuscaloosa High School 1926

A library was established for the first time.

The curriculum had undergone a number of changes. In addition to the courses formerly offered, home economics, typewriting, stenography, biology, French and Spanish were now being offered. A physical education department was also added.

Student self-government also began in 1926 with a number of students who initiated a voluntary patrol to help keep order in the halls during the lunch period.

A school paper, the Hi-Life, made its appearance.

The class of 1926 consisted of 68 graduates. George H. Denny, president of the University of Alabama, was the commencement speaker.

## NEWEST THS COST OVER \$2 MILLION

The most recent milestone in the story of THS brings the record of progress up to date. In September, 1955, 1,365 students enrolled in the two and one-half million dollar school located on a campus of 33 acres facing 15th street. Serving as its principal in 1957 was J. R. Pittard.

Today Harold Greer is our principal. He is assisted by 63 teachers who instruct students in what seems a varied curriculum indeed when compared with the courses offered in 1891. Other staff members include a counselor, a dietitian, a nurse, a building engineer, a secretary, and a bookkeeper.

From an enrollment of 11 in 1890 to an enrollment of 1,506 in 1962-63; from a teaching staff of five in 1911 to a staff of 69 today; from Stafford which housed all grades, to the present building, which houses only three high school classes—that, in brief, is the story of the secondary school keeping step with a city which has increased from 4,215 in 1890 to almost 64,000 according to the 1960 census.

Looking forward in the future it seems that the school and the town will continue to grow and prosper.

# This is PC

Oh, Panama City, playground of the teenagers. Each year the motels are swamped with teenagers of every size, shape and form.

As we look back over the summer we recall fond memories of the Hangout, the beaches, the ocean, Goofy Golf, the boys and girls one met, and all the weight one gained on his trip to Panama City.

One should expect almost any and everything to happen there, from drowning to falling in love with someone (he or she) will never see again.

The students of THS add a lot to the exciting atmosphere of the immortal city. We couldn't begin to name all the people who have gone to the "City of Surprises" this year.

One of our co-ed students made this remark, "I'm so tired when I leave the Hangout, not because I've been dancing, but because I've spent the night chasing boys."

When we asked one of our fine boys what he remembered most about his trip, he mused, "I really don't remember much of anything."

Bette, one of our girls, was asked the name of the boy she met, she replied, "I really don't know his name, but I should get a letter from him any day now!"

One motel manager received this complaint from a male tenant, "Your motel is pretty nice looking but you don't have enough cabinet space or garbage cans."

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

## Pupils don't change

Buildings change, as the pictures in this paper prove; curricula changes; styles change, as the girls of this school prove almost constantly—but students are apparently basically the same. The following is quoted from the first annual Report of the Board of Education of the Tuscaloosa Public Schools, 1886.

"Pupils are required to attend school regularly and punctually, to observe good order, and to be diligent in study.

"Scholars who are absent or tardy must furnish to the teacher a written excuse from parent or guardian.

"All pupils must go directly to and from school, and must abstain from all boisterous conduct on the way.

"During the regular exercises of the school, pupils must refrain from all communication without permission of the teacher. They must walk quietly through the halls and up and down the stairway.

"Pupils must not leave school during recess, or at any time before dismissal without special permission of their teachers. No one who violates this rule will be permitted to re-enter the school without written permission from the executive committee, unless he can furnish satisfactory excuse to the Superintendent."

By 1941, students were admonished (Redbook, 1941) "to observe city traffic regulations for driving and parking cars; to leave their bicycles only at the shed provided at the rear of the building; and in the building, to observe these five rules: keep to the right; walk—don't run; talk and laugh quietly; keep hands off each other; and keep moving."

## Twirp's back

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

You might think Shirley a forward girl, but it's all part of "twirp season".

With the coming of twirp season, the whole mode of life changes at THS and even though the girls have put the piggy banks back on the shelf twirp season will not be forgotten for a long time to come. We shall always remember the time some of our girls picked their dates up on bikes and caused the riot at the movie and Burger King, the night Frank Adams didn't have but three dates and most of all the fun everybody had being different.

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

## Black Warrior picks hot air artist for '20

A variety of honors were bestowed upon the members of the 1920 class.

They choose, for example, in addition to the usual Most Handsome, Prettiest, Most Popular, these: Ugliest boy, Most desperately in love, Laziest boy, Biggest flirt, Most Timid girl and Hot Air Artist.

In 1916, the president of the senior class was none other than Matt Clinton. The class flower was the Blue Bottle, the class color, red.

The class of 1916, also sponsored a club called the Antisuffrage Association. The treasurer of this club was listed as "His Royal Fatness." Other distinguished titles were Chief Orator and Woopie (Matt Clinton), a Chief Ballot Box Inspector, Chief Stump Debater, and Janitor.

## Only girl graduate led class of 1891

The one girl in the first graduating class proved the ability of the feminine students by leading the class with an average of 98 2/7.

Girls were admitted to the high school from its beginning in 1890-91. The following comments from the School Board Report in 1886 settled the matter conclusively:

The subject of the co-education of the sexes is by no means new. Many successful educators endorse it as by far the better plan, believing that the education of the male and female youth together prove a valuable stimulus and excites a wholesome rivalry to study; rather turns their minds into channels of duty than thoughts of each other."

The first report further states: "We can see no harm likely to come from such contact in the schoolroom, when nature has so grouped them in the family circle, and they must so exist throughout all coming life. They are taught to preserve towards each other a respectful and dignified bearing. Their playgrounds are entirely separate. Nor would our finances provide separate accommodations."

One might be led to speculate from the last sentence whether co-education at THS owes more to principle or to limited finances.

## Short Snorts

### Before Exams

O Lord of books, be with us  
Lest we forget, let we forget.

### After Exams

The Lord of books was not with us,  
For we forgot, for we forgot.

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Judy Pugh: "I would like to have lived in the days of King Arthur."

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

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The scene is the time of King Arthur—

Squire: "What doth thy wish, sire?"

Anna's Knight: "Make haste squire

and fetch your can opener."

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Lecturers should remember that the capacity of the mind to absorb is limited to what the seat can endure.

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Rita: "My boyfriend is so careless about his appearance."

Kay: "Yes, I've been waiting for weeks and he still hasn't made his appearance yet."

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To kiss a miss is bad to do.  
To miss a kiss is bad too.

\* \* \*

Boy: "Your eyes fascinate me; they're beautiful. I can see dew in them."

Date: "Take it easy Romeo. That isn't do—that's don't!"

\* \* \*

I wonder what would happen if you mixed a bottle of ink eradicator with a bottle of ink?

\* \* \*

High school football makes hardy young people. You can't sit three hours on a hard wooden bench, eating a cold hot dog and peanuts and be a weakling.

## 25th hour

## BF's recipes

### Girls

1 cup beauty—Mary Kate Merideth  
½ cup sweetness—Nancy Quinn  
2 cups charm—Elizabeth Woollen  
¼ cup flirtation—Shirley Zanthos  
½ cups personality—Mitzi Brown  
5 T. friendliness—Dale Christian  
1 oz. shyness—June Carver  
½ cup originality—Ashley Smith  
½ intelligence—Sally Johnson  
1 cup vivaciousness—Alice Ann Duncan  
½ cup wit—Estes Hayes

**YIELDS: WOW**

### Boys

1 cup looks—Dwayne Archibald  
½ cup fun—Tommy Kendall  
1 ½ cups personality—Hank Herrod  
5 tsp. friendliness—Warren Day  
¼ cup dependability—Pettus Randall  
1 oz. shyness—Mike Mysinger  
4 T. intelligence—Ron Spence  
1 cup physique—Wayne Wright  
¼ cup wit—Eddie Montgomery  
1 cup athlete—Randy Walker  
1 cup neatness—Dick Gary  
½ cup sweetness—Ronnie Ezell

**RESULTS: SENSATIONAL**

## Bear Facts Presents

## Dale Christian

Dale Christian possesses qualities rarely found in one individual—beauty, charm, poise, humor, and brains.

Dale was born in Amarillo, Texas, on July 26, 1946. She celebrated her fourth birthday aboard ship enroute to Austria where she lived for two years and attended an Austrian school. She came to Tuscaloosa when she was in the third grade. During her grammar school days at Stafford, she was secretary and president of the student body. In Junior High she was a member of the Junior Honor Society and president of the Mixed Chorus. During her years at our school, she has been elected Black Warrior favorite, president of Alpha Sigma Chi, Tri-Hi-Y, secretary of the sophomore class, a member of the All-State Chorus, secretary of the state Latin Club, and this year she will serve as the secretary of our Student Government Association.

Even though she has held all of



these school offices, she still enjoys football, basketball, dancing, bowling, pool and her job at the Bama Theater.

Dale has an over-all "A" average and hopes to keep it this year while taking Latin III French I, Plane Geometry, and the required subjects.

# SIDELINE SHORTS

by  
Bob Hopper



The Bears, who have had a face lifting job from last year, look to be on their way to another fine season. With seasoned quarterback Jimmy Marlowe out for the year, a relative newcomer has taken his place. Al Kincaid the "newboy" has taken control and looks as if he is on the way to a fine season. We wish him luck along with Warren Day and Mike Ford, the other reservists quarterbacks.

This year's defense has been a prime factor in our success, having only allowed a touchdown a game. Some of the outstanding players on defense have been Jay Smith, Mike Riley, Jerry Davis, Dwaine Archibald, and Don Barksdale.

The offense, led by senior fullback Joe Simon, has been getting the yardage when it is needed. John Caldwell and Dwaine Winstead have done a pretty fair job themselves.

A new face to be looking for this year, along with Al Kincaid, is Payne Wright. In the Lanier game he set

up the touchdown that tied it with two brilliant runs. We can expect great things from Payne in the future, as he is only a sophomore.

Homecoming this year is to be the Robert E. Lee game. This should prove to be one of the toughest games for the year. R. E. Lee was 2-0-0 through their first two games, while the Bears were 1-0-1.

This year Bear Facts will present a player of the month. During the football season there will be two categories, lineman and back of the month. I have selected guard Hank Herrod as the top lineman because of his fierce play after being sidelined for half a year with a broken leg. He has also had his hand cleated and his toe broken. Hats off to Hank and to Jay Smith who ran a close second. As back of the month, Joe Simon was chosen for his fine work at fullback.

Our congratulations go out to the whole Black Bear team for a job well done.

## THS Tankmen compete in summer meets

This summer Tuscaloosa High School tankmen spent their time swimming for the Tuscaloosa Country Club. Cary Williams, O. K. Bryant, Curtis Seay and departed lettermen Stuart Strong and Roger Williams were among the club's top swimmers.

The tankmen traveled to Jasper for the junior olympics and to Birmingham for the Jewish Community Center. They entertained the Anniston swim team here.

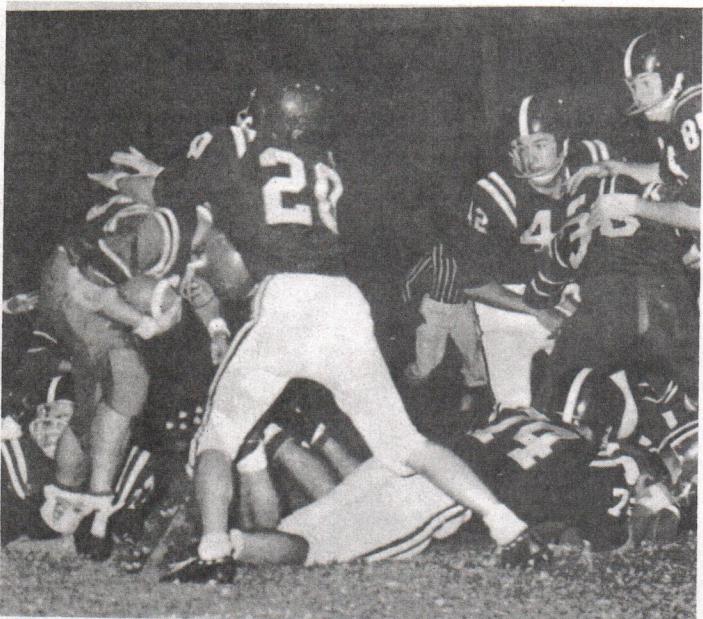
Along with Cary, Curtis, and O.K. returning lettermen will be David Miller, Mike Stevens, Frank Adams,

Jim Newman, F. B. Marks and Troy Allan.

The Bears are hoping to repeat for the third straight time as state champs despite the loss of many top swimmers.

The Girls' team look better than ever with the return of Ann Seebeck to the line up, along with regulars Christine Rickett, Linda Reed, Cary Christian and Ellen Boozer.

The Girls lost a close race to Lanier last year for state champs. This year with more speed and depth they should go all the way.



Joe Simon blasts for Bear yardage

# Racketeers are tops

Tuscaloosa High School, the tennis capital of the South, should again have the best high school team in the state. Despite the loss of Jack Jackson, one of last year's big winners, the "racketeers" should "rack up" over their opposition.

The '63 team will probably be composed of John Pickens, Tommy Kendall, Joe Anders, Bill Shamblin, Foss Smith, and Tommy McMullin. Pickens, Kendall, and Shamblin kept in good shape by hitting the tournament trail this summer.

John Pickens won the Alabama State Jaycees, the Alabama State closed, the Alabama State closed Men's championship, and reached the

finals of the Southern Championship in North Carolina. John will probably be the team's number one player this year.

Tommy Kendall won the Alabama State closed, the Alabama State Jaycees, the Fort Walton Beach Invitational, and the Huntsville open. Tommy will be number two man of the team this year.

Bill Shamblin just recently captured the Tuscaloosa Country Club Invitational. Bill will help the team in either the number three or four spot.

After two successive state titles, the team outlook is as bright as ever this year. THS should remain the South's "tennis capital."



Girl netters compete during summer

## Girls tops in state tennis tournaments

Not only the boys, but the girls are interested in tennis at THS.

Jane Mills, Carol Hughes, and Debbie Herring are the most active participating in the sport.

Carol Hughes placed first in the Fort Walton Beach Invitational, Alabama State Open, Alabama State Close, and the Huntsville Open. She was defeated in the semi-finals of the Mississippi Open but came through to win the doubles.

She also participated in the Southern Girls Open, and the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans.

Jane Mills placed first in the Mississippi Valley Tournament. She was runner-up in the Alabama State Open, Alabama State Closed and the Huntsville Open. She also participated in the Southern Girls Open and various other tournaments in the Eastern states.

Debbie Herring participated in the Alabama State Closed. Debbie plays

tennis mostly for pleasure and doesn't enter many tournaments.

These girls have shown their ability to win by playing girls from the United States and other countries around the world.

### POLYSYLLABIC PROFUNDITY

In promulgating your esthetic cogitations and in articulating your superficial amicable and philosophical observation, beware of platitudinous ponderosity. Let your extemporaneous decantations and unpremeditated expiations have intelligibility and veracious vivacity without rodomanade or bombast.

Avoid sedulously polysyllabic profundity, pustaceous verbosity. Shun double entendres, prurient jocosity, pestiferous produnuity and asanine affectations.

In short, don't use big words!

# Black Bears, Poets tie, 7-7

The Tuscaloosa Black Bears without the aid of senior quarterback Jim Marlowe, who is out for the season, battled last year's state champs, the Sidney Lanier Poets, to a 7-7 tie in Montgomery.

After a scoreless first quarter the Poets crossed the goal line first in the second quarter on a 76 yard touchdown march. The eager Bears caused Lanier to lose the extra point but were called off sides. The second attempt was made and the score was 7-0.

Late in the third quarter the Bears held Lanier from gaining a needed two yards for a first down. Tusca-

loosa took over and marched 61 yards to the end zone.

Payne Wright came off the bench to lead the Bears from the Poet 45 to their 26. On a third and five situation Wright re-entered the game and dashed to the 6.

Dwain Winstead drove around right end and into the end zone for the score. Johnny Jacobs kicked for the extra point that tied the game 7-7.

The Black Bears definitely stopped two field goal attempts in the fourth quarter to end the game.

Tuscaloosa had good defensive and offensive plays by Mike Riley, Dwain Archibald, and Jay Smith.

## SPORTS



Winstead tries right end against Bessemer

### THS linksmen to be strong this year

The golf clubs around Tuscaloosa certainly were busy this summer. The Tuscaloosa Country Club, Indian Hills Country Club and Meadowbrook golf club played inter-club matches with the clubs junior players participating. Playing for TCC were Shep Park, Skip Laney, Johnny Beauchamp, Gaius Whitfield and Wilbur Manderson. Playing for IHCC were Tom Patton, Fred Nickol, Pete Caver, Jim Newman and Jimmy Fauett. On the Meadowbrook rooster were Newt Pearson, Andy Jackson, Dayton Sullivan and Gary Achterhof.

Indiana Hills won the league title, with Tuscaloosa Country Club second and Meadowbrook third.

Shep Park participated in tournaments in Birmingham, Dothan, Selma and Gadsden, finishing well in all. He also won second place at the Tuscaloosa closed Junior tournament, being edged out of first by Donnie Greenhaw, member of last year's THS team.

Turning to the THS golf team, Park is expected to be helped by returning letterman Skip Laney and Wilbur Manderson. Others expected to try out are Tom Patton and Pete Caver.

Although golf season is a long way off, we can well say THS will field a better than average golf team.

### Simon leads Bears to win over Tigers

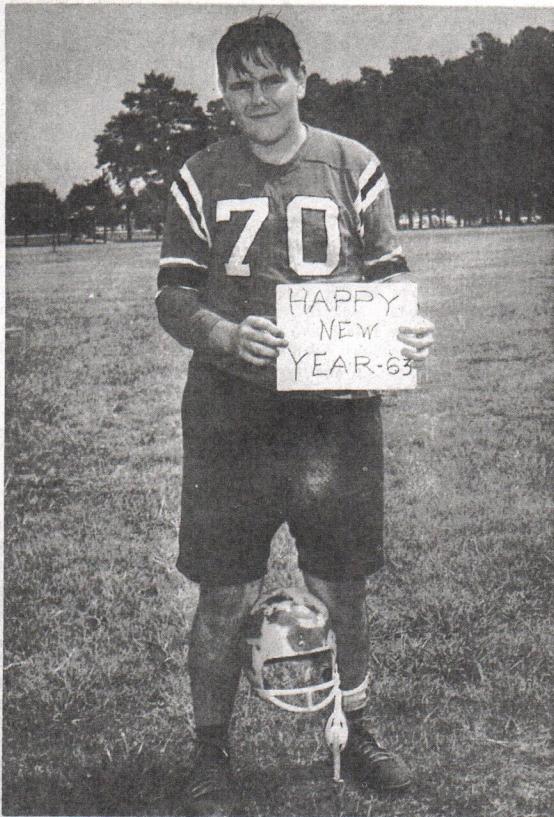
Joe Simon, Tuscaloosa's ace fullback consistently picked up short yardage and executed a great kicking game to pace the Bears to a 7-0 victory over the Bessemer Purple Tigers. Simon gained 35 yards in eleven carries and punted for a 39 yard average as the Bears remained undefeated for the year.

The two teams battled defensively during the first three quarters. Neither team could move the ball in the air as Tuscaloosa tried one pass which was incomplete. Bessemer threw four times, completing only one.

Junior halfback, Warren Day, had fine runs of 17 and 9 yards. Sophomore quarterback, Al Kincaid, did a fine job of signal calling and directing the team. Al scored the only touchdown with a two yard quarterback keeper in the fourth quarter. Johnny Jacobs converted and the score stood 7-0 for the rest in the game. Day's run for 17 yards set up the touchdown.

Tuscaloosa gained 146 yards rushing to 138 for Bessemer.

Offensive stalwarts included Simon, Day, Dwaine Winstead, and John Caldwell. The usual group of Harold Davis, Benny Tucker, Ted Williams and Hank Herrod were among the defensive standouts as well as the entire defensive unit. The win left the Bears 2-0-1 for the season, the only blemish being a 7-7 tie to Lanier of Montgomery.



"BIG DADDY"

### Tuscaloosa whips Ironmen

Tuscaloosa scored its 20th straight victory over Holt, September 14, but it proved to be a costly one. Senior quarterback, Jim Marlowe, injured his back and will be unable to play for the rest of the season. The loss of Marlowe elevates Sophomore Al Kincaid to the number one spot.

Tuscaloosa won the toss of the coin and elected to receive.

The kickoff was fumbled and Holt recovered. Two plays and a penalty later Holt scored. The extra point try was blocked by Joe Simon. Late in the first period John Caldwell sprinted 41 yards for a touchdown. After Tuscaloosa kicked to Holt, Gary Walters intercepted an Ironman pass. Three downs later Tuscaloosa was forced to punt. Four plays later Holt had to punt. Caldwell ran 20 yards before the quarter ended.

The second play of the second quarter Simon scored and Byrd kicked the extra point. After the kickoff Tuscaloosa took over on downs. On the first play Caldwell

ran 33 yards. At halftime the Black Bears led 13 to 6.

At the start of the third quarter Holt received the kickoff. On the first play Jay Smith intercepted a pass. Dwaine Winstead carried the ball 20 yards and three plays later Simon scored his second touchdown of the game. The extra point attempt failed. Holt ran the clock out.

In the middle of the third quarter Holt got to the Tuscaloosa 37-yard line, the nearest they got to the goal after their touchdown.

In the first play of the fourth quarter Caldwell ran 41 yards. Two plays later Tuscaloosa quick kicked. Holt couldn't move the ball, so Tuscaloosa took over. Winstead carried the ball for a gain of 21 yards and then Simon got 17 yards. Tuscaloosa had to punt. A play later Charles Tubbs intercepted a Holt pass and carried it to the 11 yard line.

Tuscaloosa lost the ball to Holt and the game ended with Tuscaloosa topping Holt 19 to 6.



Tuscaloosa High School Golfers



**Tuscaloosa  
High School**

**Class of 1963**

## **OUR SENIOR YEAR**

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NUMBER 2

# Karen Andre found not guilty by jury



In a scene from the "Night of January 16" are left to right:  
Richard Snow, Joe Anders, Mary Tillotson, Larry Beatus.

## Stand up, be counted!

Editorial by Jan McMinn

Stand up and be counted! Don't be a "do nothing"! Get behind your team and school all the way.

Throughout the years, THS has been famous for teams in every sport. Also, the spirit in earlier years was something to be proud of. Lately, however, the teams have been playing their heart out with little or no student body support. What spirit can do was brought out homecoming against Lee. The boys went out there with everyone behind them and gave them Hell! I don't care what the score was, we played a good game. With offensive play by Skip Cannon, Dwaine Winstead, and Joe Simon, along with defensive play by Ray "the Beast" McCracken, Joe Simon, and Jay Smith we held Lee pretty well in hand for the better part of three quarters. The main reason for this is that we were with them, and they knew we were, on every play. During the pep rally people dug down inside of themselves and made an effort to yell.

Players get out six days a week and sweat like dogs to represent our school to the best of their ability, and also for the love of the game. Surely we can take twenty minutes Friday morning, and two hours at the game to work up a sweat for our school. It is said that we don't have school spirit because we are so large. That's absurd. If a small school from Podunk, or somewhere about

as important, can support their team with all their heart and noise we can too.

So come on, people of THS, don't worry about the opinion of others, stand up and give your team, our team of Tuscaloosa High School, the backing it needs and deserves. The only way we can revive our spirit is to stop and look at ourselves and ask, "How can I help THS?" If every individual will make an effort, then the whole school, made up of these individuals, will be better psychologically and physically. Give all the guys on the team a warm smile, hand shake, and a word of confidence to show that we are behind them.

## Assembly presented by Future Teachers

Wednesday, November 14, the Future Teachers of America presented an assembly program in the large auditorium in connection with the National Education Week. The assembly was opened by a devotional by Jan Calhoun, followed by a short selection by the Mixed Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Hughen.

Purpose of education were outlined in a short play, "Turn of the Century Scene."

Participating in the program were Susan Nelson; president, Nancy Yarborough, Merle Griffin, Marian Wilson, Patsy Smith, Patsy Bruce, Diane Dowdy, Linda Beams, Pam Butler, Margaret Crupp, and Lynette Bostick.

## Prominent Tuscaloosans make up jury

Did Karen Andre commit a murder, or not? This is the question that was answered by the jury at Tuscaloosa High School on December 7.

Strictly speaking, this play, "Night of January 16th," was a play without a heroine or a hero. Karen Andre, a cool, indifferent, and immoral woman, was portrayed by Mary Tillotson. The prosecuting attorney was played by Joe Anders and the defense attorney by Larry Beatus. The court was presided over by Judge Heath, played by Richard Snow.

The following portrayed the witnesses: Steve Stricklen, Richard Rhone, Jim Gilliland, Ann Newman, Susan Giles, Frank Adams, Tom Ashby, Judy Leavell, Greg Congleton, Susan Nelson, and Debby Herzing.

Courtroom personnel included the following; Donna Iverson, Mike La-

mon, Stan Hammock, Jackie Hatcher, Wayne Porter, Gary Woods, Pam Butler, and Anne Askew.

Prominent townspeople chosen for the jury were Mr. Ryan deGraffenreid as foreman, Mr. Norman Bassett, Mr. C. H. Armstrong, Dr. Henry Herrod, Mr. Henry Mize, Mr. George Van Tassel, Mr. Tennis Jackson, Mr. Tommy Tarleton, Mr. Sterling Kizziah, Mrs. Max Moody, Jr., Mr. Ingram Caldwell, and Judge James Buck.

The audience left after the performance of "Night on January 16th" debating the correctness of the verdict. The case was a challenge, bound to arouse arguments and discussion. It's underlying conflict was the eternal conflict of two definite types of humanity. It was, therefore, the audience that was on trial.

Was Karen Andre found guilty or not guilty of murdering her employer? She was found not guilty.

## Concert presented

Last night the Tuscaloosa Mixed and Girls Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. W. L. Hughen, held its annual Christmas concert.

In the sacred part of the program the Mixed Chorus, accompanied on the piano by Sheila Terrill, sang "Fanfare for Christmas", "O Come, O Come Emanuel", "Lo, How a Rose Ere Blooming", "Midwinter Carol", "Glory to God in the Highest", "O Jesus So Sweet", and "Gloria in Excelsis" accompanied by the band.

The Girls Chorus, accompanied by Delores Madison, sang at intermission. They sang "A la Namita Nana", carols in Spanish, "Tourouro Loura" in French, and "Adore-mus" in English.

Popular Christmas songs made up the last part of the Christmas concert, the Mixed Chorus sang "It's Beginning To Look Like Christmas", "Silver Bells", "Jingle Bells", "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer", "White Christmas", and, to close the program, the chorus sang "Silent Night".

## DO Club delegates attend conference

Representing Tuscaloosa High School at the D.O. Club Western District Conference in Bessemer on October 25 were Gene Bush, President of the Western District, Mike Meadows, First Vice President, Mr. Shere and Mr. Bardon, sponsors.

Plans were made for the District activities and for the State D.O. Club Convention which will be held in Tuscaloosa next spring.

## Induction services held November 13

Induction services were held November 13, for the nineteen new members of the National Honor Society.

The new members inducted were Robert Bagley, Danny Langford, John Caldwell, Bob Worthy, Patti Hicks, Terese Taylor, Roy Harris, Ronald Kyzer, Patricia Bruce, Mark Reynolds, Mike Geouin, Rebecca Ingram, David Miller, Rebecca Rhodes, Hank Herrod, Dianna Cook, Brantley Cochrane, Brenda Chunn, and Diane Harris.

Officers of the organization are President: Shelia Terrill; Vice President, Ann Lee; Secretary, Amelia Kyle.

## State convention held near Gadsden

On December 7 approximately fifty Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Yers and advisers left for the Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y state convention at Camp Sumatonga near Gadsden.

Speakers gave talks on the various aspects of the theme which was "Dare to be Different Today Tomorrow."

John Caldwell presided over the conference and Susan Giles was secretary.

Workshops were held on how to plan better programs, better attendance, and other aspects of club meetings.

The group left Sunday morning after the devotional and arrived back at Tuscaloosa in mid-afternoon.

# BF editorial page belongs to you

By Billie Blair  
Editorial Editor

Welcome to the Bear Facts editorial page! Won't you stop and browse a while. You recognize this page, of course—it's the one you usually skip . . . a few lines of type jammed between the front page news and what you call the "funny stuff" (features). This issue we have TWO editorial pages—a variety in B. F. history. That makes it more difficult for you to skip over us so lightly.

Go ahead—it won't hurt—look around. You might not find your name or the T.H.S.-County High score, but we hope you do find a minute portion of food for thought.

We are very proud of our editorial page. In the Alabama High School Press Association judge's opinion, Bear Facts has the best editorial page in the state. The "Bear Facts" survey shows that only 20% of the

high school newspapers in Alabama even HAVE an editorial page as such. So, you see, our bragging isn't so important, after all.

This page is opinion. Without opinion this page is nothing. We seek to represent the best views of Tuscaloosa High School.

We attempt to maintain high standards on the editorial page. After a fit of temper, we delete those strong adjectives from our stories of criticism. You won't find any "cuts" on our page, though some would tell you differently. They are mistaken. We never maliciously "cut" an individual or individuals. We criticise in search of reform . . . in search of a better Tuscaloosa High School.

On these two pages we have attempted to bring you every type of journalistic material found on an editorial page—tribute, criticism and reform, special occasion, columns,

cartoon, reviews, and the staff box (that's the box in which we put the staff).

This year we have a fine editorial staff (that's opinion—this writer's opinion). They are William Allen, Judy Gaddis, Anne Gibbons, Dean Kirkpatrick, Mary Tillotson, and Ray Oglvie.

When you disagree with an editorial please, please don't plague these people with complaints; Write A Letter to the Editor. If we aren't representing your opinion it can only be because you don't write us about it. Get on the soapbox yourself sometimes—we're getting dizzy up here and soon tire of verbal tomatoes.

The editorial page does not belong to the Bear Facts, or to the Editor-in-Chief, or the Adviser, or to this scribe—it belongs to you.

Read it. Write us and help us make it.

## Merry Christmas

Christmas is music . . . carols, sung by august choirs from their ordered ranks of harmony; and by carolers, praising Jesus' birth with lips stiff from the cold, but with hands warm from the candles they are holding.

There is the music of laughter . . . small children excited by the miraculous season itself . . . old people, content in their old age to be warm and loved and cared for.

And the smells . . . oh, the lovely, wonderful smells: log fires, turkey roasting; evergreen trees; cold, clean air, so sharp it hurts you to breathe; nut cakes and the new smell of holly-wreathed shops just full of presents to be wrapped and taken home; chestnuts for the dressing.

Love. There is always love for the taking at Christmas, radiating from every heart you meet. Love for everyone and anyone simply because they're a human being and alive . . . and it's Christmas.



## Just Thinking

by

*Chris Curtis*

Editor-in-Chief



The freedom to learn is a privilege. Today every young person in the United States has the privilege to go to school and learn. Yet it is amazing to see that thousands of people who have the opportunity to learn within their grasp will let it slip away. The freedom to learn is a privilege which people have fought for and paid for in order to obtain it for their children. It is surprising to see how lightly some young people take the efforts of their parents and grandparents who have sacrificed to get them an education.

Of course, there are those students who will attend class every day and strive to learn something from every class period. They will take the fullest advantage of the freedom to learn. These students will be the ones who will repay society for their efforts.

It is sad to watch the student who comes to school and just sits through his classes without any interest or participation. In ten years that boy or girl would probably be willing to pay a great sum to go back and gain the knowledge that he let slip by, but it will be almost impossible to do.

For the student who has taken advantage and learned, graduation will be a joy and a pleasure. For others the end of high school will mean that they must go out and take any job they can get in order to live.

I hope that this article will make some students realize that it is time to wake up and get down to business before its too late. For most students it is not too late to take advantage of one of the finest freedoms we have, the freedom to learn.



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It is the policy of the **Bear Facts** to report the news accurately and to interpret the news fairly.

## Cerf replies to students on question 'Why study English?'

"Is English important?" That was the question asked by Mrs. Oglesby's fourth period English class.

The students wrote letters of inquiry to men and women in many phases of life—politics, journalism, the clergy, and science. The answers received clearly stressed the importance of a firm English background.

Bennet Cerf, renowned publisher, author, and humorist, wrote ". . . I cannot overstate the importance that I attach to . . . receiving a firm knowledge of the English language."

A well-known figure in Alabama, Governor John Patterson, stated, ". . . I can think of no subject which is of more importance than English."

U. S. Senator Lister Hill echoed the words of Governor Patterson on the importance of English.

Norman Bassett, editor of the Tuscaloosa News, said, "The study of English . . . is of primary importance to all of us."

Ann Landers, columnist, asked that we consider the difficulties that would arise if we could not read, write, or speak English.

## All the fuss about grades

Grades! Grades! What's all the fuss about grades? Where are grades going to get us? Are grades going to qualify us for jobs? Are grades going to put us behind that big executive desk? The answer to all these questions is NO! That's right, NO!

This is not to say we can, or even should, do away with the grade system. We need the grade system as a means to gauge or measure our comprehension, but it is as inaccurate as any other system would be. This is true because knowledge cannot be measured as can a dozen apples. The exact weight of the apples can be calculated where no exact figure can be reached in determining the knowledge a person has gained. In fact there is no accurate way of pricing or grading our comprehension. We students put too much value on the grade when it should be centered on what we learn. After all, we all know there is more than one way to make a top grade. What we learn is the key factor in education. A student striving only for exceptionally good grades may have no education whatsoever when he graduates from school if he has worked only for the grade. The desire to learn and acquire as much knowledge as possible should be our goal. We should try to take advantage of every opportunity that comes our way in order to broaden our

background. The attitude, "Why do we have to learn all these poems and authors, etc.," isn't going to get us anywhere. That little bit of information which seems insignificant at the time may prove to be of great value later on.

Colleges and universities all over the country are always interested in the students who have an A average. They are equally or even more interested in the students who have good B or C averages and a well-rounded background in all subjects. So remember, let's don't place our emphasis on the grade, but on the desire to learn.

**Support your  
Student Council**

### Gum x THS

Gum and school do not mix. But by some supernatural powers gum appears in some of the oddest places. Just try running your hand on the bottom of desk and table tops. It's a cinch you'll get stuck up! Also it is one of the most commonly used patching materials for the bottom of shoes with its durable and extraordinary sticking ability. A school decorated with gum is a monument to the bad manners of the student. Unfortunately too many students persist in doing their own interior decorating.

## Homework here to stay according to THS teachers

Is homework on the way out? According to a Scholastic Press Exchange story received by the Bear Facts, it is possible if programmed learning and teaching machines catch on in other American schools as they have in Roanoke, Virginia. According to the SPE, over 2,000 high school students there have been taking math and languages by programmed instruction. This means they do all their work during their regular class period.

Programmed learning is, of course, a revolutionary idea, through perhaps its heralds education of the future. We asked a few teachers at T.H.S. their opinion on this type of education.

Mrs. Little feels that there should be some homework. She thinks that drills are extremely important and that home work should be given at least three times a week.

Mrs. Fines thinks programmed learning is new and experimental and that homework would benefit some students and wouldn't help others.

Miss Kendrick said she didn't personally like the idea of programmed learning.

As a whole, Miss Katie Lee Smith summed up the average teacher's opinion of programmed learning, saying, "I do not agree with the idea of no homework. A lifetime of constant study is not enough for learning a small part of the wealth of knowledge afforded by ages past and present. Teaching machines and live teachers cannot give very much information within one hour or even less. Much more time is needed to absorb an understanding of the situation as a whole. This time can be used in carefully chosen and well directed homework."

nation and affect us all.

High school students over the nation are lapping-up politics the same way they do ice cream cones. Political big-wigs are acknowledging student volunteers as an accepted arm in campaign strategy.

These junior campaign workers are energetic, enthusiastic and hard-working people. They spend long hours for the party they support and in return they gather invaluable experience with people and can feel that even though they can't yet vote, their patriotic spirit has not gone untapped.

Both Tuscaloosa clubs seem to be off to fine starts. We asked their leaders for a brief statement on their purposes.

## Politics replaces ice-cream cones

"Our fight—yours and mine—is to keep democracy safe by keeping it moving forward. In such a fight it is an unhappy place to be on the sidelines."

—President Kennedy

Students at THS have taken this message and challenge to heart. The role of the teenager in politics is becoming increasingly important and the desire to be active in the political world has become more evident recently with the organization of a Teen Democratic and a Teen Republican Club in Tuscaloosa.

These two organizations are giving teenagers a chance to openly express their political preference and work toward a greater understanding of the complex problems which face our

## In Memoriam



Charlotte Rice

## From the Bookshelf

The Man Who Never Was, by Evan Montagu is the story of one of the longest long shots of World War II.

It tells in detail a British Secret Service plan to deceive the Germans about the point of invasion. The story is well written in that all the facts and details are related. On the whole, however, it is slow moving.

The plot deals mainly with the plan by which the British outwitted the German High Command. Possibilities of the story lie in the Germans finding a corpse with phoney top secret documents, believing they are authentic and then adjusting their defenses, the Germans play right into the hands of the British.

At times the author tends to over-emphasize unnecessary details and by doing so he smothers the plot in places.

## Poor taste in BF claims reader

Editor, Bear Facts:

Well, the first "Bear Facts" is out and as usual it was good besides being late, having the same names in it and articles along the same lines.

The editorial page was exceedingly good and an article on President Hank Herrord was excellent. It showed real ideas, not just praise and glory. It asked questions that need to be answered. The time has come for the student body to use the Student Council as our governing power.

Many of the students I spoke to felt the picture of one of our fine boys going out for football (on the back page of last issue) was used in such a way that it was a cut and in very bad taste if not "sick." Surely, the "Bear Facts" can think of some articles of importance to write about instead of filling up the extra space with cuts on people. Let us hope "Bear Facts" will use better taste next time.

Sincerely, Richard Rhone

### Discovering perils of little red schoolhouse



## Bouquets and BRICKBATS

by Billie Blair

Girls smoking in the rest rooms . . . BRICKBATS!

Is it even possible that this situation could be alleviated?

At the first of last year a "campaign" was begun in which women teachers checked the girls rooms at intervals during the day for smoking. The amount of smoking decreased, yet this year the problem still exist.

Anyone, boy or girl, may do all the smoking he or she wishes as far as we are concerned. There is, however, a time and place. It is not fair to other girls to have to endure the fog, smell, and mess smoking bring to the restrooms.

Girls smoking on campus is against school rules. Therefore, it is particularly disconcerting to discover a class favorite puffing away within the walls of T.H.S.

There appear to be two solutions to this problem. One is to grant girls campus smoking privileges, with a designated smoking area, such as applies to boys.

The other is to abolish girls smoking on campus entirely.

The latter would not be easy.

Perhaps you think this is an un-



necessary brickbat. All right, your bouquet and brickbat hurler will forget the matter entirely, if someone would give us a gas mask!

A bouquet . . . of holly to each student and teacher at T.H.S.

We have written Santa Claus (in whom, by the way, the majority of the editorial staff firmly believes) and asked him to bring all of you the merriest Christmas ever.

## French Club gives play on Christmas

The French Club this year is once more observing its custom of presenting a Christmas program. This year the combined efforts of the French classes and teachers are producing a Christmas play, "Adieu, Pere Fouettard", and a choral program.

The play represents French customs about Christmas including the traditional dispute between Father Christmas and Father Whipper. The play will be given in French.

The cast includes Janet Welton, Donna Iverson, Pat White, Robert Bagley, Rebecca Ingram, Bob Mantel, Bob Hopper, Ken Kellum, and hosts of fairies directed by Anne Seebeck. Janet Arey and Robert Bagley are co-directors.

The choral groups are directed by Carole Jones.

The program will be given on December 12, at 7:30 P.M. in the auditorium at Tuscaloosa High School.

The general public is cordially invited to attend.

## Gamma Delt's sing

The Gamma Delta Tri-Hi-Y collected food and money for a Thanksgiving basket which was delivered November 21.

Caroling in various rest homes and neighborhoods is planned for December 30.

Members Sue Cannon, Lana Johnson, Beverly Evinrude, Judy Williams, Lynda O'Neil and Susan Woods attended the state "Y" conference at Camp Sumatanga recently.

## Club to hold party at V. A. Hospital

On November 28, the Junior Red Cross met. Gay Ray the vice president, presided over the meeting in the absence of the president, Billie Blair.

Several projects were decided on at this meeting. Several Red Cross members are to be in the Veterans Hospital's Christmas play. Red Cross is also making favors for the party which they plan to have for the children at Partlow before Christmas.

## Eleven represent Tuscaloosa in Chicago

High school journalists were provided an opportunity for wider knowledge of journalism concepts at the National Scholastic Press Association convention held at Chicago, November 22-24.

Seven delegates representing Tuscaloosa High were Grace Mitchell, Sissy Plott, Emma Kay Guin, Cherry Chancey, Ralph Hayden, Susan Nelson, and Pete Clark. Sponsors for the groups were Mrs. Guin and Mrs. Clark.

The representatives left by train at 7:30 P.M., November 21, from Birmingham on "City of Miami" for Chicago. They arrived one and a half hours late in the "Windy City" on Thanksgiving Day.

Reservations were made at the Conrad Hilton, world's largest hotel, along with approximately 1400 other NSPA delegates.

Mr. Don Reid, director of the Iowa Press Association, gave the opening address on the topic "It Happens Every Day." After the meeting, the T.H.S. delegates went shopping on the world-famous "Chicago Loop" and took a tour of Chinatown that night.

Saturday morning was also spent in section meetings such as censorship, page layout, etc. A banquet was held at 12:15 to climax the convention. The rest of the day was again spent sightseeing.

At 8:30 Sunday morning the T.H.S. delegates boarded the "City of Miami" again for the trip homeward, after a very rewarding trip.

## FHA makes plans for social, project

The Future Homemakers of America are making plans for Christmas. These plans include collecting and making presents for the blind children's school in Talladega, and dressing dolls for the Salvation Army. They decorated the men's and women's teachers lounges for Christmas and on December 18th served punch and cookies in the lounges.

A party is planned for Wednesday. Foreign students from the University will present a program on Christmas in other lands.

## Toni Emmons named Harvest Queen



Toni Emmons, Harvest queen, escorted by Tommy Kendall.



Pictured left to right, Amelia Kyle, Susan Nelson, Pamela Mitchell, Sissy Plott, Pete Clark, Emma Kay Guin, and Ralph Hayden.

## Debate question for '62-'63 announced

## Carols sung; and Christmas discussed

"Christmas in Other Lands" was the theme for the Junior Classical League meeting held December 6 in the basement of the First Methodist Church.

After the business meeting, Cheryle Hunter, Andy Jackson and Richard Rosefield lead carols. Then five reports on Christmas in other lands were given; Germany, Susan Woods; Ireland, Melinda Ralston; Spain, Marie Jeffry; France, Merilyn Mangum; Holland, Nancy Richardson. Anne Gibbons reported on the ancient Roman holiday, the Saturnalia.

## Blair presides over Junior Red Cross

The first meeting of the Junior Red Cross was held October 10. Mrs. Roberts, home economics teacher, is the new sponsor.

The last Wednesday of each month was scheduled as regular meeting day. Plans were made for a candy sale next month.

The new officers for this year are: president, Billie Blair; vice president, Gay Ray; secretary, Patsy Whatley; treasurer, Linda Yarbrough; and chaplain, Marsha Britt.

## Chi-Rho Hi-Y has program on finance

The Chi Rho Hi-Y, headed by president Pete Clark, has recently participated in many interesting activities. Mr. Herb French, club advisor, presented a two-week program on "Private and Commercial Finance." At the December 4th meeting a program was given Cotton Clark and other University of Alabama football players. A Christmas party was also held recently.

The Chi Rho Hi-Y Club meets every Tuesday at 7:15 P.M. at the Y.M.C.A.

Anyone interested is invited to attend.

# Bear Facts Presents



Mrs. Giles, THS's nurse of many duties

Aches, pains, chills, fever, and broken bones, that's what our nurse, Mrs. Giles, has to look forward to each day. But don't get us wrong, we get none of these things from her!

Mrs. Giles' career started as a teacher. She attended Alabama State Teachers' College and later the University of Alabama. After teaching for a few years she decided to become a nurse and took her training at Druid City Hospital.

Next came World War II and Mrs. Giles enlisted—in the Army. She was stationed at Fort McClellan in surgery and as a Second Lieutenant.

Mrs. Giles met her husband, an enlisted man, during the war, they were married and after the war moved to New Jersey. Mrs. Giles, her husband, and two daughters, Mary Jane and Dorothy lived there until 1953.

Mrs. Giles and her two daughters now live at 432 17th Street, East.

We first had a school nurse when Mrs. Giles, Mr. Pittard, then principal of Tuscaloosa High, and Dr. Nelson made the job in 1959. Mrs. Giles has

many extra duties this year. Not only does she attempt to cure the aches and pains of our ill students whether mental or physical, but she also assists in a surgery of another kind—sewing up rips and tears! First aid, indeed, is a hard task!

This year she is also in charge of the memograph room, next to the health room. She watches over the material and is in charge of the working of the machines. Mrs. Giles will also aid the girls of THS to dress properly and tastefully. She said no one would be sent home for wearing their dresses too short—the first time. They would be warned and advised. The students will all aid Mrs. Giles in this job.

Mrs. Giles' two daughters are Mary Jane, who is a junior here and Dorothy, who attends Northington Elementary. Mrs. Giles, as a devoted mother, is an active member of both of her children's PTA's and her church, Calvary Baptist. In her spare time she likes to sew.

We are very proud and fortunate to have such a fine person as Mrs. Giles for our school nurse.

## Here's the "bare facts"

The "bare facts" are that we are going to have a contest! (no joke)—you can win prizes, get your picture in the paper, and even have a feature story written about you, if you win! Here is what it is all about.

Ask friend if MONOPOLY spells monopoly, what does polpoony spell? If you can figure this out, then enter our contest, and let us know what the words are that can be made from the letters. Oh, yes, these are some rules and here they are:

1. All entries must be in no later than one week after the paper comes out.

2. If there are any questions about a word, the dictionary will solve it.

3. All entries will be placed in Mrs. Burroughs' box in the front office with your name and homeroom teacher's name on it.

Don't stop reading yet, think how smart you would feel if you could even have "Hey, Look Me Over" for your theme song! Of course it is going to take brains to win and a little bit of work, but you can do it. We all know you are smart, so be a sport and try this contest. If you don't win this time, you could win the next. There will be letters in every issue of Bear Facts just waiting to be made into words.

This is just the "first" and we must have help from you to make it a success. Won't you try?

## Presents present problems

Because Bear Facts realizes that many people have problems trying to select presents for friends, they asked certain people what they wanted for Christmas. Here are some of the presents you may buy for these people!

Ronald Davis yearns for a book on how to be smarter than Robert Bagley.

Gary Petry wants a "DOLL". A good looking boy would make Martha Bennett happier this year. Wonder if Deloris would settle for Tommy Walker this Christmas?

You're going to have trouble with Sandra Williamson's present because she won't say what she wants.

I hear Tommy Kendall and quite a few other people would like a good grade in Plane for a change. Bev Hanes would appreciate a dolly, a cute boy, a tricycle, a good car, a letter sweater, a Senior ring, and many, many other things.

Carolyn Reim wants to find O. K. under her tree. (I wonder if he'll ever leave?)

I believe Sissy would be pleased if she received Tommy with a big red bow around his neck and a card which made him her private property.

Now this is your big chance, just make as many words as you can out of these letters:

A W E D I H O B U L S T

## T.H.S.'s club, the Jr. Historical Society

One of the newer clubs in our school this year is the Tuscaloosa Historical Society which has begun its second year in our high school. The Junior Historical Society is a branch of the Tuscaloosa Historical Society. Mr. Clinton, one of Tuscaloosa's teachers, is the club sponsor.

The Historical Society meets every fourth Monday night at 7:00 P.M., so its members can get home in time to see "Ben Casey."

The first meeting was held on September 26, at the home of Betsy Hoole.

The officers are as follows: President, Betsy Hoole; First Vice President, Patti Hicks; Second Vice President in charge of projects, Janet Arey; Third Vice President in charge of trips, Sonny Hinton; Secretary, Kathrine Doster; Historian, Nancy Quinn; Treasurer, Phil Hoggle; and Chaplain, Kenneth Kellum.

This club has two main projects under consideration at the moment.

The first is a pet project of Mr. Clinton, to raise enough money to buy a tombstone to replace the dilapidated one on the grave of Katherine Cummings, who was one of the first persons to be buried in Greenwood Cemetery. She was a child when she died in the early 1800's.

The second project will be even tougher than the first, to list all the soldiers that fought in the Civil War who were from Tuscaloosa.

You not only get left-overs Sunday night from lunch out, clubs have "leftovers" also.

The Junior Historical Society "left-over" is a project which was begun last year. Some of the club members worked very hard on it last year, last summer, and with the new members of the club, will continue to do so until it is completed.

The project is to compose a list of all the persons buried in Evergreen Cemetery. These names and other information will be typed on index cards, afterwards they will be memo-graphed and formed into booklets

## Boun Natale

No matter what the language, the sentiment is the same. Christmas in other countries brings with it the usual yuletide greetings:

Denmark: Glaedelig Jul  
Belgium: Gelukkig Ketstfeest  
Finland: Hauskaa Joulua  
France: Joyeaux Noel  
Germany: Frohliche Weihnachten  
Holland: Gelukking Kerstfeest  
Italy: Boun Natale  
Mexico: Feliz Navidad  
Norway: God Jul  
Portugal: Felix Natal  
Spain: Felicita Pascuas  
Sweden: God Jul

which will be placed in the city libraries.

Although the project sounds a little unusual, it is put to good use. Those booklets can be used by persons writing papers or books when they need to know where a person they wish to include in their book or paper is buried. Another use these booklets may be put to is that of tracing your family tree by simply looking up your ancestors.

As you may have heard, the Junior Historical Society takes several trips during the year. One trip they are considering right now is to Baker's farm to dig for Indian relics. Mr. Clinton took one of his classes to Baker's farm one year and they found several relics.

Every year the Tuscaloosa Historical Society makes a pilgrimage, this year it will be to Marion, Alabama. The pilgrimage will last all day Saturday, October 27. This year the Tuscaloosa Junior Historical Society has been invited to go with them on this pilgrimage.

As you see, this club really did start with a bang! And we hope all their projects currently being planned are successful.

## Personals

Many THS students will be traveling during the Christmas holidays. These are just a few of the places they will be visiting.

Dale Christian will be spending Christmas with her brother Charles, who is attending the U. S. Air Force Academy in Colorado.

Nancy Wright is traveling to Atlanta, Georgia for a visit with friends and relatives. Debbie Herring is going to spend a few days of her vacation there, too.

While we are all suffering from the cold, Cherry Chancy and Sissy Plott will be enjoying the beach at Gulf Shores. Netta Holly will also be spending some time on the beach at Fort Walton, Florida. She will be visiting her sister, Eleanor.

Lucky Jimmy Adams will be following Alabama to Miami to attend the Orange Bowl Game. Carol Hughes will be New Orleans bound to play in the Sugar Bowl tennis tournament.

Alice Crume will be going to Kentucky to attend a wedding.



"Honest, Mr. G, I didn't know I parked my reindeer in the teacher's parking!"



**Ashley Smith**

## *Short Snorts*

Senior: "Hey Frosh, are you going to kiss that girl?"

Frosh: "No sir!"

Senior: "Well, then, you hold my books."

The parlor sofa holds two heandshe. But hark! A step upon the stair! And papa finds them sitting there he and she.

Lady: "My good man, does your firm allow you to take tips?"

Delivery Boy: "No, lady, but if they ask if you gave me one, I'd lie like anything to save you."

"Mother," said the little boy, "will you help me with some words? Is it correct to say 'you water a horse' when he's thirsty?"

"Yes quite correct," answered the mother.

"Then, (picking up a saucer) I'm going to milk the cat."

There was a little girl And she had a little smile. She sent it to a little boy Across a little aisle. He wrote a little note, But he made a little slip, And they both went down together On a little office trip.

"Do you realize, George, that this room we rented is supposed to be haunted by a ghost that returns every year on this date to find a human sacrifice? . . . George? George!?"

I love to do my homework, It makes me feel so good; I love to do exactly As my teachers say I should. I love my school very much, I never miss a day; I even love the men in white, Who are taking me away.

The hardest thing about the ladder of success is getting through the crowd at the bottom.

He: "Love me?" She: "Sure do!" He: "Kiss me?" She: "Fraid to." He: "Cold, honey?" She: "Bout to freeze!" He: "Want my sweater?" She: "Just the sleeves." He: "Full or empty?" She: "Full, please!"

The classic statement for all time was made by one of Mrs. Williams' algebra students, digging into her purse before a test: "This free education is getting pretty expensive!"

## *Typical takes a driving test*

"Good evening ladies and gentlemen, this is Snoppie Sam at the Druid City Hospital reporting on the accident that occurred just a few minutes ago on the corner of Broad Street and Greensboro. I understand that a teenage girl was taking her driving test when the accident occurred. They said her name was 'Miss Typical THS Driving Student.' No one was seriously hurt except for a Patrolman Skinner having a heart attack. Just a few minutes and maybe I can talk to Typical about what happened. Here she comes, now . . . Typical, could you please tell us about what happened?"

"Yes, I'd be happy to. You see, I was sixteen yesterday and I could hardly wait until today came so I could take my driving test. Our car didn't have a brake light so I was going to take it in my cousin's car. Well, our car was an automatic, but his car was a straight, but I decided to try it anyway."

"Everything was going all right until Mr. Skinner told me to back out of the parking lot in front of the high school. As I said, I didn't know how to drive a straight shift. Well, instead of reverse, I put it in second and off we went across the lawn. That poor gardner must have thought I couldn't drive by the way he looked at me when I nearly hit him. I think Mr. Skinner did also, but I told him to get up out of the floor board and that everything would be all right.

"The next incident happened when we parked . . . parallel parking. Mr. Skinner said that he believed that I could do much better if I hadn't run up on the curb and hit the parking meters. Not only is my cousin going to have to get a new bumper, but Tuscaloosa is going to have to get some new parking meters also.

"Now this is the part where the accident occurred. Mr. Skinner told me to turn and go down Greensboro, Boy! Did I ever go! We were about halfway down the street when the brakes gave away. I used my head when this happened and jumped out of the car, but Mr. Skinner didn't seem upset a bit for he sat in his corner of the car singing a cheerful little song called, "Oh Lord Remember Me." Yes, and that is when he had his famous heart attack. When our car hit the new Cadillac."

"Thank you very much, Typical, for that very exciting story. Is there any message you would like to pass along to your cousin?" "He used to fuss about his loose fender. I can say this for him, he'd better be proud, because

that's about all that's left of his car!!!"

"Thank you again Typical. This is Snoppie Sam signing off for station THS. I now return you to the record that was interrupted, "Hot Rod Lincoln"!!

## *THS sings*

He's a Rebel—Wayne Etheridge  
Monster Mash—Robert E. Lee football team

Do You Love Me?—NO!

Return to Sender—Netta

Big Girls Don't Cry—they don't??

Close to Cathy—Eddie

Torture—School

That's the Train My Baby's On—Gulf Shores

Nothing Can Change This Love—until someone else comes along

Warmed Over Kisses—Jan

I've Got a Woman—good for you

If a Man Answers—say hello

That Stranger Used to be my Girl—now she's my wife

I Remember You—Sissy

Never on Sunday—try Monday

He Thinks I Still Care—the crazy lug

Cold, Cold Heart—Joy Booth

Ramblin' Rose—Shirley

Keep Your Hands Off My Baby—Deane

Everytime I Hear Your Name—I get sick

No One Will Ever Know—Want to bet?

Let's Dance—she can't do anything else

I Could Have Danced All Night—she should have

If I Had A Hammer—Coach Henderson

Little Black Book—James and Donny

Don't Go Near the Indians—Wanda McDaniel

King of the Whole Wide World—Jimmy

Burning of Atlanta—swimming team

### WHY IS A FIRE ENGINE RED?

Because there are six cylinders in an engine and 2 plus 6 equals 12 and there are 12 inches on a ruler and the ruler came from England and England is by the sea and the sea has fish and fish have fins and the fins fought the Russians and the Russians are red!!!!

## *How to torture your teacher*



Miss Test Frequently—Every time you're absent on the day of a test, your teacher must make up one just for you and stay late while you take it. You can well imagine how she welcomes the giving of personalized test throughout the school year.

Don't Be Aloof. Display Your Affection—Always treat your teacher like a pal. Grab her arm occasionally. Slap her on the back once in a while, and show a genuine interest in her by asking highly personal questions. Phone her at home often just to chat. You might even take things from her desk without asking—as you would with any friend—or stop to study the papers on it. This always puts a "light" in her eyes.

If you do all these things faithfully and with diligence; your teachers will never forget you. In fact, they'll be so charmed by your presence in class, they may elect to keep you there for another year. One thing is certain, you'll go down in memory as their all-time "horrible example" of outstanding students they really wish they could pass along—to their worst enemy!!

Be Pleasant — Keep everyone amused. Bring your favorite "joke" toys to class: rubber snakes or plastic spiders. Better still bring live ones. Teachers are simply overwhelmed with emotion at the sight of those precious puppies or slimy salamanders.

Inquire About Your Grade — The best approach is belligerence. Go in eyes blazing, voice a-quiver, and demand a detailed explanation of her grading system. Be sure to ask her to justify someone else's grade as well, and then cap the whole business by suggesting a better way to do things. Timing makes the difference. Make it Friday, and if you can catch her just as she's getting in her car, she'll surely never forget you.

# Cheerleaders named top ten

by Curtis Seay

Now that basketball is in full swing, let's take a glance back to football season. Someone once said, "You can't win them all" and we didn't, but it wasn't because the boys didn't try. I am afraid that some of the blame rests on our shoulders.

I'm sure that you can remember that the school spirit was at an all time low. It would be easy to put the blame on the cheerleaders, but certainly it wasn't their fault. There is not a harder working group of girls in the school. They have really worked diligently learning new cheers, practicing four times a week during football season and heading up the Pep Squad.

No where at school can you find a more spirited group. It must be discouraging to work so hard and then get little support from the student body.

I think everyone can recall the pep rally before the Tuscaloosa Country game. The program was well planned and helped raise the school spirit which needed it about then. Well, the cheerleaders received a few "words of wisdom" from the faculty who disapproved of this type of program. I suggest that if the

faculty had a little more interest in school spirit, they could walk down to the gym any day of the week and see the cheerleaders practicing their programs.

Although cheering means giving up an out-of-town date or not getting to sit with "the steady" at the ball game. The girls really enjoy it when the spirit is there.

The 1962-63 cheerleaders are headed by seniors Jean Nisbet and Alice Ann Duncan which are enough to raise anyone's spirit. Other cheerleaders are Estes Hayes, Kat Pritchett, Cam Canty, Lana Johnson, Rebecca Wright, Connie Strickland, Carolyn Reim and Etta Holly.

Tuscaloosa is famous for its winning basketball teams and its fearsome spirit around basketball season. So let's get behind the players and cheerleaders.

Today or tomorrow when you see a player or cheerleader in the hall stop them in the hall, stop them, pat them on the back, hug 'em, kiss 'em (depending on which sex it is), but let them know you're supporting them.

The cheerleaders are my pick for the TOP TEN.

## Bruins come from behind, beat Colonels

Tuscaloosa capitalized on two Woodlawn mistakes to take a 14-7 victory over the Colonels in a game where the Bears had to come from behind to win.

The Bruins received the opening kick-off and marched 75 yards. Woodlawn took over and marched 70 yards, and with the help of a 15 yard penalty, scored with 2:26 left in the quarter. The PAT was good.

In the second quarter Woodlawn punted to the Bears. Then Woodlawn took over at the 30 and marched down to the two yard line where they fumbled and Tuscaloosa recovered. Tuscaloosa couldn't move the ball and Simon punted to the 34 yard line.

Woodlawn was moving the ball well when Gary Walters intercepted a Colonel pass on the 6 yard line to stop the Woodlawn scoring threat.

In the 3rd quarter Tuscaloosa took

over after Woodlawn punted down to the Bears 25 yard line. Marlowe then hit end Dwayne Archibald for a 51 yard pass play down to the 4 yard line. Four plays later Skip Cannon took a Marlowe pass over for the score. Johnny Jacobs' extra point was good.

In the fourth quarter, linebacker Jay Smith intercepted a Woodlawn pass and returned it to the 4 yard line. Two plays later Simon leaped over center for the score. Jacobs kicked his second PAT and that ended the scoring.

Late in the 4th quarter Woodlawn lost 17 yards on a fine defensive play by linemen Ray McCracken and Don Barksdale. The Colonels punted and THS ran the clock out.

Outstanding on defense for the Bruins were Jay Smith, Ray McCracken, Gary Walters and Dwayne Winstead.

## Bears beaten, 21-7 at homecoming

Robert E. Lee of Montgomery handed the Black Bears their second defeat of the season and spoiled Homecoming before 12,000 fans at Denny Stadium.

Tuscaloosa received the opening kick-off but couldn't move the ball and had to punt after four downs. Lee took over and scored on a 26 yard TD. The PAT was good and Lee led 7-0.

Tuscaloosa took the kick-off and three plays later fumbled. Lee took over, but it was the same old story as the Generals fumbled on the Bears' 47 yard line. Don Barksdale recovered for THS. The Bruins then marched 53 yards for a score with Jimmy

Marlowe going over the double stripe. Johnny Jacobs' kick was good and the score stood tied 7-7 as the half ended.

Tuscaloosa kicked off to start the second half and Lee marched from their own 19 yard line for a touchdown. The conversion was good and Lee was out front for good, 14-7.

Another Tuscaloosa fumble started the Generals on their third touchdown trip. Lee scored, the PAT was good, and that accounted for all the scoring.

Tuscaloosa had only seven first downs compared with 13 for Lee. The Bears lost five fumbles, the Generals lost four.

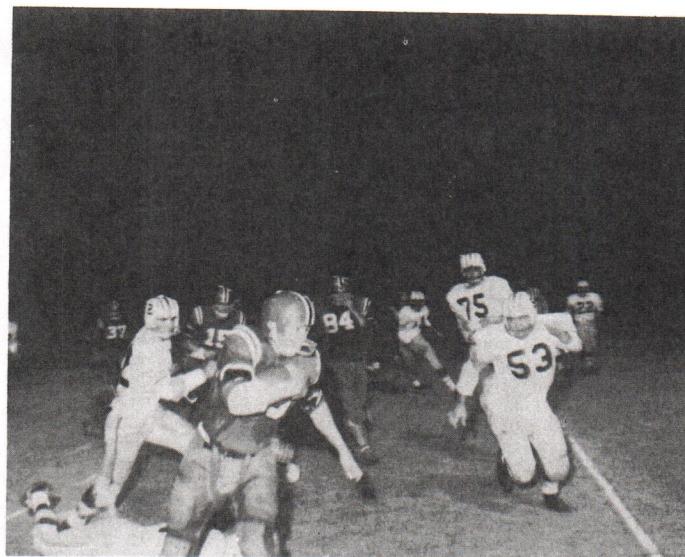
## Bears beaten 6-0 in defensive tussle

The Tuscaloosa Black Bears lost their third game of the season to the Phillips Red Raiders, 6-0, in a rugged Saturday night defensive battle.

The leather was popping throughout the entire game as the Black Bear defense held Phillips with the exception of a 16 yard touchdown run in the first quarter. The extra point was missed and the score remained the same for the rest of the game.

The Bears threatened late in the fourth quarter. Gary Walters started the drive by intercepting a pass and returning to his own 17. After 5 straight first downs the Bears lost the ball on downs at the Phillips 15.

Jimmy Marlowe, Payne Wright, and Joe Simon led the Tuscaloosa attack. Marlowe picked up 31 yards on 6 carries while Simon got 24 on 7 runs and Wright added 12 on 2 sprints.



Fullback Joe Simon turns the corner as Ray McCracken (84), Jim Marlowe (15), and Payne Wright (37) come up fast to block.

## Bears placed on All-County team

Tuscaloosa guard Hank Herrod and teammate Joe Simon, a 185 pound fullback led the balloting on this year's all-county grid team as unanimous selections for the Black Bear dominated squad. Tuscaloosa placed five boys on the all-county team this year with Herrod and Simon being joined by Ray "Beast" McCracken, Jay Smith and Wayne Winstead.

Herrod, a 180 pound senior, is the only repeater from last year's team, having made the all-county team as a junior last year. Hank was a key figure in Tuscaloosa's forward wall while playing both ways for the Bears during the season.

Simon was the backbone of the Bear offense this year while running strongly from the fullback slot. Joe also handled the Bear punting game and could be found on defense patrolling his post at linebacker.

## Black Bears, Yellow Jackets tie, 7-7

The Tuscaloosa Black Bears turned in an inspired performance at Rickwood Field in Birmingham to tie the Ensley Yellow Jackets, 7-7.

The Bruins held Ensley to only 27 yards rushing the first half and no first downs. The Bears had a second quarter touchdown called back because of a penalty and gave up the ball on the one-inch line on another occasion in the second quarter while completely dominating the game.

Ensley's Richard Gilmer scored on a 12-yard run after the Yellow Jackets had taken over at the Tuscaloosa 39 yard line.

Tuscaloosa marched back with the kickoff, driving to the Ensley 32 before an interception of a Jim Marlowe pass on the 21 yard line.

On a run around end later, Tuscaloosa end, Dwane Archibald knocked

McCracken did a fine job for the Bears this year at tackle. Ray is the largest man on the team, weighing in at 245 pounds.

Jay Smith, 180 pound center was the only junior named to the all-county eleven this year. Jay has done a very good job on defense, making key plays at different times during the year.

Dwayne Winstead, a 165 pound senior end-halfback is a three year letterman. He played a winning type football during the course of the season.

Other boys receiving votes of this year's team were Don Barksdale, senior end, Jim Marlowe, senior quarterback and John Caldwell, senior halfback.

Bear Facts congratulates all of these boys on their fine accomplishments and we realize these feats are results of hard work and a lot of time spent.

the ball loose from a back and junior halfback, Steve Bodin picked up the loose ball and sped 39 yards for a Bruin score. Johnny Jacobs converted and the score was tied, 7-7.

With only 21 seconds left in the first half, Bear quarterback hit end Dwayne Winstead with a 39 yard for a touchdown, but a penalty against Tuscaloosa called this play back.

Tuscaloosa collected eight first downs to seven for Ensley and had 107 yards passing to 25 for Ensley. Ensley ran for 119 yards while the Bears picked up 64 on the ground. Tuscaloosa completed 11 of 17 passes while Ensley connected only two aerials in seven attempts.

The tie put Tuscaloosa's record for the season at four wins, three losses and two ties with only one game remaining in the season.

## Black Bears defeated by Bulldogs 6-0

Aniston Bulldogs, apparently headed for their first defeat of the season found the Bears such gracious fourth quarter hosts that they came away with a 20-7 victory that Friday in Denny Stadium.

The Bulldogs trailed 7-0 for the first three quarters after an early THS touchdown drive. In the first five minutes of the fourth quarter they scored three times to claim the victory.

It was Tuscaloosa's first defeat of the season following two wins and a tie.

The lone Bruin T.D. was climaxed by half back John Caldwell as the result of 69 yard drive after the opening kick off.

Outstanding players for the Bears were linemen Harold (Country) Davis, Jay Smith and backs John Caldwell and Joe Simon.

# Cagers to be strong

With one starter and five members of last year's team, which won third place in the state AA tournament, Tuscaloosa will again field a strong basketball team.

Coach Tom Tarleton, head mentor, has been going with John Pickens, Bill Alread, Tommy Kendall, Doug Hollyhand, and Earl Compton on the first team. Others on the Bruin team are Jim Marlowe and Hank Herrod, who got a late start on basketball because of football practice, Randy Walker, Dennis Holcombe, Greg Horn, and Lonnie Minor, up from the B team.

The Bears open the season against Mortimer Jordan of Birmingham Wednesday December 5, in the Bruin gym. Other games on tap before New Years are December 11, Minor, here; December 14, Shades Valley, there; December 18, Selma, here; and December 26-30, Shades Valley Tournament, in Shades Valley. Tuscaloosa has won the S. V. Tournament since its beginning five years ago. Coach Tarleton said he expects the other 11 teams to really be after the Bears in this tournament.

The county tournament, usually played during the Christmas holidays will not be played this year.

"The team this year should be interesting to watch," says Coach Tarleton. "We're inexperienced and smaller than the teams in the past of THS. We'll concentrate on fast

breaks and presses, due to the fact that our teams does not have the strength and size we've had in the past."

"We're getting good outside shooting," said the four-year head coach, "but our inside shooting could be better."

We asked Coach Tarleton to name the top basketball powers around the state this year. He named Tuscaloosa County, who lost only one starter from last year's team; Sidney Lanier, who has three starters back from last year's state championship team; Robert E. Lee, who lost one man; Winfield, a team that went to the state tournament last year with an all-junior team, no seniors; and Selma, who have two forwards at 6' 5" and a 6' 10" center.

The Confederate Conference tournament will be played at the R. E. Lee gym January 10, 11, 12. Four of the five teams named will play in the tournament, won last year by THS.

**Basketball Notes** — Coach Marion Pierson will again assist coaching basketball this year — The Bears play seven of the top ten teams around the state — Tuscaloosa has five members of last year's squad playing on the U. of A. freshman team: Ronnie Franklin, Tim Parker, Ernie Houck, and Charles Orr. Jeff Houston, who was ineligible to play last year, is also on the squad. The first three named are on the first team — Best of luck this year, basketball squad.

## SPORTS



Coach Henderson gives Jim Marlowe (15) some last minute instructions during a time out.

## Fine year from "B" cagers expected

This year the "B" team should have a fine year. The games at home will be played on Tuesdays and Fridays with the season starting December 9th.

Since school has started, the team has practiced every afternoon and one night a week. Regular practice began Monday, November 19.

This year's team will play approximately 12 home games and eight away. The team may play in the county tournament.

Boys who are on the team are Dan Cummings, Robert Radcliff, Alan Goode, Don Krup, Gauis Whitfield, Al Kincaid, Tom Patton, Johnny Kirk, Tommy Sexton, Lambert Payne, Payne, Jimmy Jenkins, Larry Hibbler, Bill Hallmark, Ralph Sanders, and Wallace Tompson. Out of these boys twelve will be on the traveling squad.

Last year's record was 17 won and 3 lost. We hope the team will improve that record. The "B" team coach is Marion Pierson.

## SIDELINE SHORTS

by

Bob Hopper



I had an interesting interview with Head Football coach, Bill Henderson, the other day and it's a pleasure to salute him in this issue.

Coach Henderson started his coaching career here at THS as an assistant coach under Coach Frank Kendall.

He attended high school at Tuscaloosa, playing football, basketball and baseball. He went to The Citadel in Charleston, S. C. and received Honorable Mention as an All-American in football. During the summer he played for a semi-pro baseball team in Wichita, Kansas and was selected as an All-American there. He then came back to the University of Alabama and received his Masters Degree in School Administration.

In 1955, while Basketball coach, his Bruin team won the state title in class AA. And in 1959, his baseball

team was runner-up to the state champions.

Coach Henderson said that he enjoyed coaching very much. Asked if he would like to coach college ball, Coach Henderson said, "Not football, but maybe basketball."

How does he feel about his coaching staff? "Well, they're just about the finest but we are shorthanded." "We could use a football coach at both junior highs," he stated.

Coach Henderson said he wanted it understood that the Athletic Department is a part of the school and is no more important than any other organization in the school. "In some schools," Coach Henderson said, "football players run the school and administration, but not here."

I would like to thank Coach Henderson for his time and wish him continued success at THS.

## Black Bears Roll Past Wildcats, 13-0

The victory-hungry Black Bears of THS beat a defensive-minded Tuscaloosa County Wild Cat team 13-0 for the sixth straight time in the 35 year old series between the cross-town rivals.

The win didn't come easy as the Cats fought back and stopped the Bears on every series of downs until near the end of the first half.

County High received the opening kick-off and, from their own 26 yard line, kicked after 3 plays.

This was only the beginning of a punting contest that didn't stop until near the end of the first half.

Tuscaloosa got its first break taking over the ball in Cat territory, with backs Joe Simon, Steve Bodin, Jim Marlowe, and Payne Wright

picking up yardage. The Bears scored on a one yard plunge by Marlowe. Johnny Jacobs kicked the PAT.

The second half looked like another defensive duel until late in the last quarter when the Bruins offensive machinery started toward the Wildcat goal for the second time.

Safety man Gary Walters intercepted a County High pass on the THS 6 yard line and returned it to the Bears 17. The Bruins started moving and collected 5 first downs going to the Cats 10 yard line. Dwayne Winstead and Simon carried to within inches of a score. Marlowe carried it in on the third down. The try for extra point was blocked.

Final score: Tuscaloosa High 13, Tuscaloosa County High 0.

## Bears beat Coffee, end season

The Tuscaloosa Black Bears closed their 1962 football season with a 19-13 victory over favored Coffee High of Florence. The Tuscaloosa offense, sparked by fullback Joe Simon and quarterback Jim Marlowe, managed a score in each of the first three periods to set a season record of 5 wins against 3 losses and 2 ties.

The eager Bears headed for their first touchdown late in the first quarter when tackle Harold Davis pounced on a Coffee fumble at the visitors' 48 yard line. Ten plays later Marlowe went over from the one yard line for the score. Jacobs' extra point kick was blocked and the Bears were out front 6-0.

A 29 yard aerial from Marlowe to end Wwayne Archibald set up the next score after the Bears had taken over at the Tuscaloosa 43 on downs. Simon, three plays later, went in for the touchdown from 26 yards away. Again Jacobs' PAT was blocked and the Bears kept the lead 12-0.

Coffee took the ensuing kick-off at their own 10 and ran the ball back for a 90 yard touchdown. Bruin Jay Smith blocked the extra point the score was 12-6.

The final Bruin touchdown came on a sustained march after Dwayne Winstead returned the second half kickoff 42 yards to the Coffee 48. Marlowe crashed over for the score from a yard out on a quarterback sneak after key plays by Simon, Caldwell, and Marlowe. This time Jacobs booted the ball through for the PAT to make it 19-6.

After a series of plays in the third quarter, Coffee made its second touchdown of the night. They converted and the score was 19-13.

The Black Bears threatened again late in the game when time ran out and they had to settle for a 19-13 win.

The Black Bears defensive front recovered four Coffee fumbles during the game and intercepted another pass to hold the visitors in check and set up two of the Bruin touchdowns.

**Bear Facts** salutes the 1962 Tuscaloosa High School Band for their fine support during the football games this year.

The Tuscaloosa High School's gym has purchased two new glass blackboards for the Basketball team.

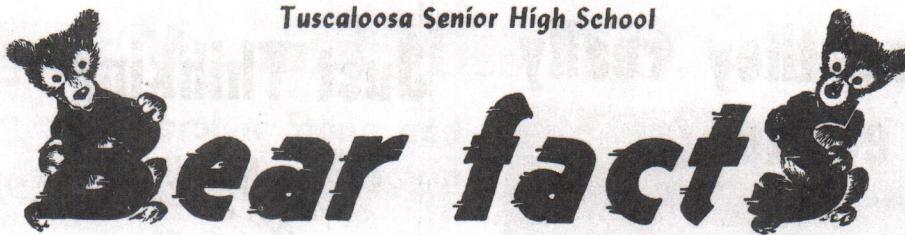


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# Nan Taylor chosen Miss THS for '63-'64



Bob Hopper, Student Council vice president, crowns Nan Taylor Queen of THS. Left to right are: Cam Carty, second runner up; Gail Roberts, first runner up; Susan Holloman, Miss THS 1962-63.

## Attention Seniors

Attention all Seniors! The annual Senior Banquet will be held May 3 in the Tuscaloosa High School cafeteria.

The banquet committee headed by Miss Anne Brown, met February 4th to determine the theme. Six themes were submitted, ranging from "The Old South" to "The Space Age", but the theme, "Over the Rainbow", was considered the most appropriate for the occasion. Be sure to plan ahead to attend.

## Tuscaloosa UCYM plans Youth Week

January 28 through February 1 was designated as Youth Week this year.

To begin Youth Week activities, the Tuscaloosa United Christian Youth Movement presented an assembly in auditorium. Dr. Watson of Calvary Baptist Church was the guest speaker.

Wednesday evening there was a Progressive Supper beginning at the Salvation Army. Five churches were visited during the evening with the main meal being served at the First Christian Church. Appetizers were served at each church. The minister of each church explained the doctrines and teachings of his denomination.

On Sunday, February 3, a community worship was held at the Christ Episcopal Church.

## 'Don't park here . . . Keep moving'

### Dr. Watson speaks at the 41st annual Black Bear banquet

"Don't park here . . . Keep moving." This was the subject chosen by Dr. Allan Watson, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, as he spoke at the Tuscaloosa High School Black Bear Football Banquet, Thursday night, February 7, marked the 41st annual football banquet honoring senior players, coaches, and new lettermen.

Dr. Watson, introduced by Dr. Henry Herrod, challenged the guests not to stop trying. He urged them not to park or stop because of handicaps, failures, or success, but to continue to try to do their best.

Coach Tom Danner introduced the guests which included principal Harold Greer.

Coach Billy Henderson introduced the senior football players.

John Caldwell proposed a toast to all the coaches and a response was given by Coach Marion Pierson.

Gary Byrd presented the coaches with a new projector screen and added that now the coaches won't have to determine the goal lines on the films from the cracks in the gym wall.

Hank Herrod and Joe Simon were (Continued on Page 3)

### Gail Roberts is selected 1st runner-up; judges name Cam Carty 2nd runner-up

Mirror, mirror on the wall, did you know that Nan Taylor was the fairest Tuscaloosa High School beauty of them all!

Miss Susan Holloman, Miss Tuscaloosa High School of 1962, crowned Miss Nan Taylor, Miss Tuscaloosa High School of 1963. This annual event occurred on the night of Feb. 15, in the large auditorium.

Gail Roberts, first runner-up and Cam Carty, second runner-up were chosen as alternates for the title of Miss Tuscaloosa High School.

The annual Tuscaloosa High Beauty Walk was sponsored by the Student Council, headed by President Hank Herrod. Mrs. Cary and Mrs. Busby, faculty sponsors for the Student Council, felt this was one of the most extraordinary beauty walks ever held at Tuscaloosa High School.

Candidates were chosen from each homeroom and each school affiliated club wishing to enter. 84 candidates entered and 19 finalists were chosen from which Miss Tuscaloosa High School and her alternates were chosen.

Master of ceremonies, Bob Hopper, vice-president of the Student Council introduced each lovely lady. She was

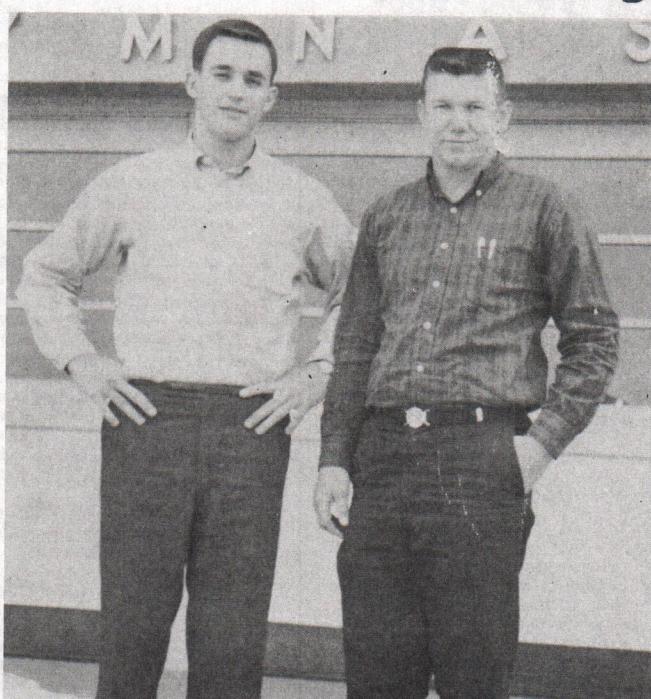
judged by six prominent Tuscaloosa citizens, who considered beauty, poise, and grace in their final account.

"Our Fair Ladies" was the theme for this year's beauty walk. The theme was taken from the Broadway hit play, "My Fair Lady."

Decorations for the occasion were set during the Mid-Victorian era. The Art Club and Art Department, headed by Mr. Kerr designed and set up the decorations.

Entertainment during the intermission was supplied by various Tuscaloosa High School students. The Tree Top singers, a trio comprised of Bill Barringer, Wayne Bowmen and Bruce Jones sang several folk songs. Judy Leavell did a pantomime of a popular song, and Roy Harris, Beverly Hauly and Connie Clark did the Baby Elephant Walk. Joe Hearn played several "Rock and Roll" tunes on the piano. Also on the agenda for entertainment was Ethel Fisher singing Moon River, accompanied by Floyd Hosmer on the piano.

Roses and a trophy were presented to "Our Fair Lady" and bracelets were presented to the Alternates, Cam Carty and Gail Roberts.



Permanent co-captains were introduced at banquet. Left to right Hank Herrod and Joe Simon.

# Exams: are they really students' epitaph?

by Jan McMinn

As the middle of the year rolls around, there is a sudden decline of social life and the desk lights start burning on mid-night oil. This is the start of trials and tribulations; to graduate or not to graduate, that is the question. It all depends on those monstrous sheets of paper containing your salvation, or your epitaph!

There are many arguments on the subject of exams, such as: "They're too young to worry about that", "No sense in it!" All of these people should wake up to the fact that you are required to remember what you know and not learn something as detailed as would be on a weekly test.

At the University of Alabama, ninety-five per cent of the grading comes from the professor's exams. If you are not properly prepared, used to semester exams, you will have an extremely hard time at any college

or university. After three or four years of exams in high school are completed, the nervousness of taking them is greatly reduced.

The job of the teachers in Tuscaloosa High School and in any other high school in the United States, is to educate and prepare their students for college and the business world. The semester exam system provides them with information on weak points and how, if at all, the course has gone over. Also, the student's review causes an additional familiarization with the material presented, and a possible new insight into it.

Until something comes along that accomplishes the same purpose in an easier way, exams are here to stay. Anyway, with all the gripes and complaints, we feel that many people are in favor of exams and their aid to further education.

# Just Thinking

by

*Chris Curtis*

Editor-in-Chief



## Faculty rates applause . . . THS coaches great

I would like to see the student body of THS appreciate their teachers a little more. They work long hours, day in and day out, with little compensation for their efforts. On top of this, most of our teachers help out in other ways, at one time or another, during the year.

I express my most sincere appreciation for the help that our teachers gave in putting on the annual faculty-student basketball game. I especially thank Mrs. Louise Hardin, who was not able to participate actively, for her kind donation to

## Memories sweeter

When talking to parents about their high school days, they seem to reconstruct them as the happiest years of their lives. This was the time of carefreeness, little responsibility and few worries, according to them. Life was a bunch of parties and dates, one after the other . . . with school in between.

If you were to ask a student of today if he thinks his high school years will be the happiest years of his life, you would probably get a negative answer. To the average student, high school is a time of unsettling changes. He has started accepting greater responsibility than ever before. He begins the painful molding of his adult character and principles.

High school years are also filled with many problems pertaining to social life and adjustment. To an adult it may not matter if he has a date for the prom, or if he's been asked to join a club. But to a high school student these things are proof that he is accepted and liked by other students.

Most teenagers cannot wait to get out of high school, on their own for once. The average adult seems to wish he were back there.

The contrast between these two feelings is not caused by the change in schools or in students.

When looking back over the past, people seem to blot out the bad and remember the good. This is why adults often forget the worries and trials they experienced during high school. In the present people are often oblivious to the good in their lives and see only the problems they will have to face.

Only the individual can make one period of life more rewarding than another.

If you remember how much easier it is to remember what you would rather forget than remember, than to remember what you would rather remember than forget, then you can't forget how much easier it is to forget what you would rather remember than forget, than to forget what you would rather forget than remember.

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B. J.: "You're very handsome..."  
Bob: "Gee, I wish I could say something nice about you."

B. J.: "You could if you lied as well as I do."

## Are parents to blame?

How are we, the youth of today and adults of tomorrow, facing up to the problems and demands of this modern age? Does a "fear" of the atom bomb affect us as much as some people say?

Since earliest times, man has been unable to get along with his neighbor peacefully and in many cases this situation has posed the threat of war. Previous generations feared war just as much as we do today. Therefore it is more or less a poor assumption that we are overly afraid of a nuclear war. We're merely human.

What is the real reason for our generation's acting the way it does? Is there too much freedom and not

enough parental guidance? This seems to be a more acceptable answer.

If parents make light of their obligations as parents, the teenager will soon follow suit. A bad example has already been set. Some parents do not realize until too late the over leniency with which they are governing their children. Many crimes committed today are because of deficient supervision at home.

This lack of parental control is a main reason for the present generation's sometimes wild and irresponsible behavior. It is not the splitting of the atom, but the failure in some parents to take on the responsibilities of helping their children grow up to be mature adults.

## Bouquets and BRICKBATS

by Billie Blair

Again we hear of the selections of the "Ten Outstanding Seniors". (Somehow the information always manages to leak out before the appearance of the Black Warrior.) And again we hear students ask, "But what happened to so-and-so? Why isn't he an 'Outstanding Senior'?"

He is the "Eleventh Senior"—the also-ran, the almost-was. Perhaps it was because he was known by too few teachers or known too well by too many.

Has there ever been a Senior Class without an "Eleventh Outstanding Senior"?

Let it be understood that we are by any means in total disagreement with this year's selections made by faculty members. As a matter of fact, they seem to select a more laudable ten each year. All ten of their selections of '63 are excellent, but isn't there an "Eleventh"?

### Be outstanding—rob a bank

We're just thinking, mind you. We don't even know what this elusive title "outstanding" means. Perhaps "outstanding" is merely being different from the norm. Mr. Webster suggests the synonyms "prominent", "remarkable", and "noticeable". Then, a student who robbed a bank, having achieved notoriety, would be "outstanding". Or is "outstanding" making good grades (when surely thirty

other people in the Senior Class make grades almost identical to those of the "Ten Outstanding") and picking up paper in the halls?

### ... and then there were ten

We might ask the Black Warrior to define "outstanding", but is any Senior Class limited to only ten?

What can we do for the "Eleventh"? Is he fated to be omitted year after year? Should teachers continue to choose the "Ten Outstanding"? Yes! Students, as we very well know, would be inclined to elect the best bubblegum blower. Should the electors be limited to only senior teachers? Perhaps. Do you have any suggestions?

We really shouldn't criticize, as the Bear Fact's own honor selections, the "Senior Circle of Honor", bear an uncanny resemblance to members of the B. F. staff and friends. But this one staff member is working to remedy that.

No brickbats. No bouquets—except maybe one to each of the "Ten Outstanding" and to the "Eleventh".

A tourist walked into a rustic barroom deep in the heart of the Congo. As he was sipping some wine, in walked a minute individual, about one foot high, sparkingly dressed in a British uniform.

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The main cause of divorce has been discovered. It's marriage.

To forget a friend is sad.  
Not everyone has a friend.

—The Little Prince

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It is the policy of the Bear Facts to report the news accurately and to interpret the news fairly.



## Student Council

Foreign student? Beauty Walk! These are a few of the Topics discussed in recent meetings held by the Tuscaloosa High School Student Council.

The plan for a foreign student has been discussed, and it was noted that much more money to secure a foreign student is needed. A family is also needed as a volunteer to provide a home for the foreign student.

Plans for the annual beauty walk were drawn up by Hank Herrod, president; Bob Hopper, vice president; and Dale Christian, secretary. The beauty walk was held Feb. 15, in the large auditorium, with 84 participants.

### Editorial

## Meaningless 'P' may be dropped in PTSA

The rather discouraging condition of a recent P.T.S.A. meeting has been brought to the attention of this staff. The choral music and speech departments along with the band had carefully planned an interesting and unusual program for the gathering.

A practically non-existent audience was on hand to view the results of their work. Half or more was comprised of teachers, who're required to attend P.T.S.A. The auditorium looked almost like the scene of a night faculty meeting.

Unless the attendance and cooperation of the various segments of this organization improve, it may seem practical to drop the meaningless "P" from the P.T.S.A.

### Don't park here

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chosen permanent co-captains for the '62 season.

Players who received letters were: Dwaine Archibald, John Armstrong, Bill Averette, Jim Bardon, Don Barksdale, Steve Bodin, Mack Brown, Gary Byrd, Skip Cannon, Pete Caver, Harold Davis, Jerry Davis, Warren Day, Don Hallmark, Hank Herrod, Johnny Jacobs, Al Kincaid, Jim Marlowe, Ray McCracken, Mike Mysinger, Tom Patton, Mike Riley, Joe Simon, Jay Smith, George Styles, Benny Tucker, Gary Walters, Ronnie Wedgeworth, Ted Williams, Dwayne Winstead, Payne Wright, and managers Charlie Fleming and Jim Bowman.

## Nan Taylor is "Queen of Hearts"



CONTESTANTS FOR QUEEN OF HEARTS  
Diane Neely, Nan Taylor, and Lana Johnson.

## Mr. and Miss D.O. winners named

### Carolyn Stone and Mike Meadows win

The 1963 Mr. and Miss D.O., chosen February 1, are Carolyn Stone, a junior, and Mike Meadows, a senior.

Second place went to Jean Nelson and Richard Allen. This year's judges were Hugh Thomas, an insurance man; Bernice Alhardt, of the State Employment Agency; and Dorothy Ratliff, model and designer.

Mr. and Miss D.O. are eligible for both the district contest and the state competition.

Carolyn and Mike have both been active in the D.O. Club. Mike is the president for this district and has participated in planning for the State Convention to be held at the University of Alabama soon.

Last year's winners were Gene Bush and Christine Cargile.

### Pickett wins SAR

Proclaiming "the Constitution of our forefathers will remain immortal in our changing world", Ed Pickett, Tuscaloosa High Senior, won the county competition in the Sons of the American Revolution Oratorical Contest, February 12, at THS. Ed, with his topic "Our Constitution, a Living Document" defeated the Holt High entrant, Wayne Cameron. As an award, Ed was presented \$25 by Master of Ceremonies M. T. Ormond.

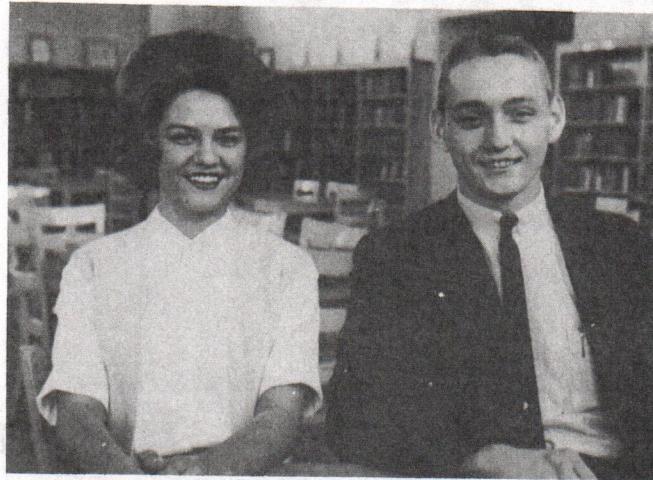
Mr. Ormond commented, "The purpose of the Sons of the American Revolution is to remind people of the freedoms we have and how they were attained. We hope this contest will stimulate interest."

The next step will be the State Contest February 25.

Judges for the six-minute presentation were: Merrill Smith, Robert Poellnitz, and Paul Robertson.

While the judges were considering their decision, Judy Leavell and Regine Newsom presented speeches about the threat of Communism which they had previously made for speech class.

Mrs. Rankin entertained the audience, composed of English and study hall students, with a skit about an Italian who wanted a rose for his daughter's grave.



Mr. and Miss DO are Carolyn Stone and Mike Meadows

### Anchor Club collects money for foreign student

On January 31, the Anchor Club elected the Outstanding Anchor Club Girl, Cary Christian. She has been an active member all year and has contributed to the club more than anyone else.

This year the Anchor Club has had several projects. The first was getting food for the Thanksgiving baskets. Next, they gathered toys for the needy families at Christmas. Now, they are trying to raise \$100 to give to the Student Council for the foreign student.

### Dance sponsored

February 1, 1963, the Gamma Delta Tri-Hi-Y sponsored a March of Dimes Dance at the Y.M.C.A. Youth Patio.

Among the activities were a cake-walk supervised by Sue Cannon; Carole Fencer and Patricia Marlowe; a kissing booth managed by Linda Campbell, Lana Johnson and Phylis Reese.

Tickets, fifty cents, per person, were sold by Beverly Evinrude, Ernestine Dunn, and Sarajane Brookover.

Door prizes, consisted of two record certificates, car lubrication, and dusting powder. These prizes were won by Linda Reid, Fred Nicol, Hal Williams, and Billie Jo Seale.

### Lana Johnson and Diane Neely chosen

Guess who is Bear Facts Queen of Hearts now? Nan Taylor! Nan was elected for '63-'64 with Lana Johnson and Diane Neely as runner-ups. Nan also carried away the title of Miss Tuscaloosa High at the Beauty Walk the night of Feb. 15.

Nan was elected Miss Sophomore and was 1st runner-up in the beauty walk last year. She was also selected as the Key Club Sweetheart and represents the Junior class as their "Junior Beauty."

The extracurricular activities Nan participates in are varied. They include the Anchor Club, Tri-Hi-Y, Spanish Club and member of the Black Bear Band and majorette.

Athletics isn't one of Nan's weak points as she enjoys swimming, diving, and water skiing.

Each homeroom selected nominees for their respective class, Sophomore, Junior, or Senior. The Bear Facts staff, headed by Mrs. Wynell Bur-

### Judson College

On January 30, Mrs. Twynette Watson came from Judson College to talk to the junior and senior girls of THS. With her came Faye Peppenhorst, senior class president at Judson, who helped her describe the college and its activities.

Mrs. Watson explained that although Judson is a Baptist college, it has various organizations for other denominations who wish to attend. It is the only woman's college in Alabama. Since there are only 326 students, it is small enough for each girl to get individual attention.

Marion Institute and Judson have planned entertainment all year on both campuses.

"It's hard to tell our school isn't a co-ed school," Mrs. Watson said referring to the M. I. boys.

Mrs. Watson showed pictures of new buildings, various social activities, teachers, and so forth.

There will be an open house at Judson on March 16. It will last one day so that girls interested can become acquainted with the campus.

### Joan Curry is JCL state contestant

Joan Curry was chosen to represent the Junior Classical League in the state mythology contest. Other contenders were Janet Mate, Jim Newman, Linda Grimes and Richard Rosenfeld.

The Tuscaloosa chapter presented the idea of a state mythology contest three years ago at the state convention. The representatives of Tuscaloosa have won each state mythology contest.

The representative is chosen by the process of elimination. After the Christmas holidays, each Latin II class is given a mythology test. The students making "A's" on this test have a "spelldown" in their class. The last one up represents his class in another "spelldown" during the following Latin Club meeting.

The meeting was held Jan. 31, 1963, in the small auditorium.

roughs selected three runner-off candidates. The staff selected them on the basis of which three girls received the most nominations.

Each candidate was instructed to make two boxes to collect votes. Each penny "cast" was counted as one vote. On Feb. 14 the votes were counted, and Nan Taylor was declared the winner of the Queen of Hearts contest for Tuscaloosa High School.



## Meet Mrs. Van Tassel

Mrs. Van Tassel is a big part of her day. She has been teaching typing and shorthand at THS for ten years.

An alumna of THS, she received her Masters Degree from the University of Alabama.

Before coming to THS Mrs. Van Tassel taught typing and shorthand at Tuscaloosa Jr. High.

During her ten years at THS she has been the sponsor for the Future Teachers of America. She has enjoyed this work very much. For several years Mrs. Van Tassel has been in charge of the assembly programs. She said she hopes that we

will be able to have more assembly programs since we can get everyone into the auditorium this year.

Mrs. Van Tassel said she thought THS one of the best and the students the finest.

School is not the only part of Mrs. Van Tassel's day. Her husband, Mayor George Van Tassel, and her two children are a very important part of her day. Marty is in the 10th grade at THS and her daughter, Indy, is in the 9th grad eat Eastwood.

During her leisure time Mrs. Van Tassel enjoys reading, playing bridge, and working with her flowers.

During her ten years at THS Mrs. Van Tassel has given much of her time to the school and its students.



THS's CHEERLEADERS HARD AT WORK

## Bear Facts Presents KATHY ROBERTS

Among the many students who roam the halls of THS each day is a very cute girl who goes by the name of Kathy Roberts. Kathy, a sophomore with a sparkling personality, is from Camberley, England. She has been in Tuscaloosa since late August and is staying with her aunt and uncle, Reverend and Mrs. Robert Cook. Kathy's parents are in England where her father is a pilot for Pan American Airlines. Kathy has one older sister who is married and living in Dallas, Texas.

Born in Honduras, Kathy and her family moved to New York when she was five months old. At the age of eleven, the family moved again, this time to Germany. Later they moved to their present home in England.

While in England, Kathy attended

an English school, but later changed to an American High School.

One difference Kathy commented on between American and English schools is that in the English schools the boys go to one and the girls another. All students receive a month for Christmas and Easter, but school does not dismiss for the summer until late July.

While attending THS, Kathy is taking English, Algebra II, Spanish II, advanced general science, and Home Economics I. Kathy also participates in many of our school activities which include: Tri-Hi-Y, Science Club, FHA, and the Medical Careers Club.

In her spare time, Kathy enjoys swimming, ice skating, bowling, and ballet dancing.

Kathy does not know how long she will be in Tuscaloosa but she hopes her visit will be a long one.

## THS's Math Club

This issue Bear Facts introduces the Tuscaloosa High School Math Club. It is a member of the National Math Club which is called the Mu Alpha Theta.

The Math Club officers are: President, Foss Smith; Vice-President, Carol Curry; Secretary-Treasurer, Ann Lee. Mrs. Marian Smith is the sponsor.

The club meets the first Monday in every month in the Physics Building at the University. There are almost 100 members in the club. In case some of you members don't know, a rule has been passed which says that if he has two unexcused absences from meetings, he is dropped from the club role and, if he is a Junior, he cannot become a member the next year. In order to become a member you must be in your third year of math, have a B average in math, and above average grades in all other subjects. Although the membership for this year is closed, all meetings are open and anyone is invited to attend.

The programs are given by mem-

bers of the Math Club, and, since those taking Senior math are required to do a math paper, the Senior members usually give the programs. Several programs which have already been presented this year were: 1) Real and Imaginary Numbers; 2) Non-Euclidean Geometry; 3) The Binary System; and 4) The Game Theory. Later the group hopes to see how the computer at the University works.

The Math Club has several projects currently in progress. One is a math library which now includes between fifty and one-hundred books. It also has purchased, for the Math Department, some visual aids. The Math club always tries to help the Math Department by buying some of the things that they need.

Each year the club sponsors The National Math Contest. The test costs \$3.10 for each pupil participating. The Math Club pays \$3.00 and the student only pays \$.10. There is a medal presented to the THS winner and there are also prizes on the State and National Levels of competition.

## Short Snorts

Mrs. Van Tassel has bought a new typewriter. The clerk at the pawnshop told her it was owned by an elderly lady who never went over twenty-five words a minute and you know she can't resist a bargain.

Miss Box: "Great Scott! I've forgotten who wrote IVANHOE."

Gene: "I'll tell you if you'll tell me who the dickens wrote TALE OF TWO CITIES."

To cannibals met in a mental institution. One was tearing out pictures of men, women and children from magazines and stuffing them into his mouth. "Tell me," said the other cannibal, "is that dehydrated stuff really good?"

The fellow (or lady) that can't talk without swearing is just plain dumb. There are more than 450,000 words in the dictionary, and if he can't learn enough of them to express any idea he may have without using poises not in the dictionary, there's something wrong with him.

Jane: "Why are you standing on your head?"

Susan: "I'm turning things over in my mind."

Netta: "Does your car always make this noise?"

Cinnie: "No, only when it's running."

Mrs. Burroughs: "Danny, what is the greatest time saver you can think of?"

Danny: "Love at first sight."

Ray: "An idea came into my mind a moment ago, but then it left me." Billie: "Maybe it was lonely."

Mary Jane was heard saying to date: "I have to be home by eleven . . . unless you can think of a better than average excuse!"

A careful driver is one who is driving to court to answer a summons for speeding.

Turn suddenly to a person and say; "Name a flower." Don't give him time to think, but make him answer quickly. The chances are that he will answer "Rose." Then say to him, "Name a color." The chances are he will say "Red." Then say, "Name a piece of furniture." And the chances are he will say, "Table."

It is an odd fact, but the rose seems to be the first flower, red the first color, and table the first article of furniture most people will think of when asked suddenly. Try this and see if it isn't true. What it proves, we don't know. Do you?

Knowing that you don't know much is knowing more than most.

A bachelor never quite gets over the idea that he is a thing of beauty and a boy forever.

Many a woman thinks she has bought a dress for a ridiculous price when in actuality she bought it for an absurd figure.

Conscience is the still small voice that tells you somebody is looking.

One of our high-school students, when asked to write a composition on "The Effects of Laziness," turned in a blank sheet of paper.

A pedestrian is a man whose son is home from college.

Why worry over exams? You have two alternatives—your teacher is easy or hard. If he is easy, you have nothing to worry about. If he is hard, you have two alternatives—either you study hard or you bluff. If you study hard, you don't have to worry. If you don't study hard, you have two alternatives—either your bluff works, or it doesn't. If it works you have nothing to worry about. If it doesn't you have two alternatives—either you are conditioned or you flunk. If you are conditioned, you needn't worry. If you flunk, you won't have to worry any longer. So why worry?

The game of love is called on account of darkness.

# The legend of John Q. Harrison Bentspoon McQueen



1. John Q. Harrison Bentspoon McQueen was known as "Mister In-Between."

2. Understand, the tasteful Mister McQ. wasn't nearly at all like me and you. He was such a dreadful typical cuss, he seemed much more like BOTH of us. The most MODERATE man I've ever seen was John Harrison McQueen.

3. He gambled, he swore, he joked. He picked his teeth and he even smoked. And if a bottle was passed he'd grab it. But none of these things could be called a HABIT. To remain in a comfortable moderation station, he practiced them all in extreme MODERATION.

4. His haircut was never new or old. His bath was never hot or cold. His breathing was never shallow or deep. And his club was neither expensive nor cheap.



5. He said, "Doing that would be going to EXTREMES; a deviation from the norm it seems to Mr. McQueen."

## CONGRATULATIONS!



John Pickens shown with Most Valuable Player Trophy at "AA" Tournament.

## How to stay alive . . .

Always race with locomotives at crossings. Engineers like it. It breaks the monotony of their jobs.

Always pass the car ahead on curves or turns. Don't use the horn, it may unnerve the fellow and cause him to turn out too far.

Demand half the road—the middle half. Insist on your rights.

Always speed, it shows them you are a man of pep, even though an amateur driver.

Never stop, look, or listen at railroad crossings. It consumes time.

Always lock your brakes when skidding. It makes the job more artistic.

In sloppy weather drive close to pedestrians. Dry cleaners appreciate this.

Never look around when you back up; there is never anything behind you.

Drive confidently, just as though there were not a million other cars in service.

6. So he didn't whisper yet didn't shout; was not a homebody or a gad-about. He lived at a temperate elevation and condoned everything in MODERATION.

7. He was a passable host (and a middling free-loader) and poitically stood FIRM as a Middle-of-the-Roader. No here nor there; no dark or light; no freedom there was; no incarceration. His reason for living was MODERATION.

9. That John Q. McQueen had gone nuts, I was fearful, for that old fortune-teller was friendly (and cheerful)! But, alas, unto arrows she was not attuned, and she went to the spirits with whom she had for so long communed.

10. When word got around she never got well, John McQ. was confined to a cell.

11. The world was dismayed that this moderate feller would just up and shoot that sweet fortune-teller. But if my opinion were given to voice, I'd exclaim, "John McQueen had no choice!" When John became bored

he took fits of depression and employed bow-and-arrow to seek self-expression. But even with archery to break the tedium, he couldn't help striking a HAPPY MEDIUM.

## Who's Business?

There are two reasons why some people do not mind their own business; They may not have any mind, and they may not have any business.

The tourist couldn't help gaping at this apparition when the bartender said: "Evidently you haven't met the Major before. Speak up, Major, tell the Yank about the time you called the witch doctor a fake."

## Here are the new letters

for the

B. F. word contest

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Dale Christian the latest winner of the Bear Facts Word Contest.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Mr. Clinton was president of THS's senior class?

Netta Holley's daddy was once coach of our team? (In 1935 he won all games but one.)

The Bear Facts was once called the Hi-Life.

Coach Henderson once played ball for THS and was fondly called "Billy Hen."

We began playing our football games at Denny Stadium in 1948—we bought the lights for it that year too.

This was once THS's alma mater: "Dear THS, where we long to be; Dear THS, we'll be true to thee; You're just the place for the ones with a heart."

Down in the south, where you rest for aye,  
Deep in our hearts you will always stay.

We will be true to the school of our heart.  
Dear Tuscaloosa High; we're for you!"

# SIDELINE SHORTS

by

Bob Hopper



The State Tournament is on just about everybody's mind right about now, and with that in mind let's take a look at one of the best basketball coaches in this state. His name, of course, is Tom Tarleton. For a man who didn't play basketball after his senior year in high school, Coach Tom Tarleton has produced some of the finest basketball teams in the state of Alabama's history and has achieved a phenomenal coaching record.

Coach Tarleton played his high school ball at Thomasville, Alabama High School, participating in baseball, basketball and football. He received All-State Honorable Mention in the latter sport his senior year.

He then went on to college at Livingston State, where he played halfback on the football team. He majored in social studies while at Livingston and received a minor in physical education.

After graduation from Livingston he was hired as an assistant coach at Jackson High School and served in that position for a year, when he was called into the service for three years.

After serving with Uncle Sam, Coach Tarleton came to Tuscaloosa High as head baseball coach, assistant football coach, and "B" team basketball coach.

His Bruin baseball team won the County Championship ever year he was head coach (1955-1960). They

were also Fifth District champs for three years.

In his second season as head basketball coach, the Black Bears were undefeated and State champs! The next year the Bears had a 58 game winning streak broken but won the consolation game of the State Tournament.

As I write, Coach Tarleton has amassed 125 victories against 9 losses over a four year period.

Also, Coach Tarleton is very active in youth work. He has been director of the Y.M.C.A. Little League for the past two years.

After such great success as a high school coach, I couldn't help but ask if he would like to coach college basketball. Coach Tarleton started, "I would like to coach at a big college but not a small one."

Again hats off to a great coach and a wish of continued success at THS.

Player-of-the-month honors this month go to John Pickens for his clutch shooting that has brought THS numerous victories. Bill Alread has finally come into his own this season with two twenty point efforts so far this year.

With the injury to Tommy Kendall and with Hank Herrod filling his spot reminded me of last year when Herrod was out the whole year with a leg injury and Kendall filled his spot on the "A" team roster. Quite a switch!

## Black Bears run over Shades Valley

The Tuscaloosa Black Bears, one of the state's top teams, overpowered the Shades Valley Mounties by a 72-39 count. The Bears completely dominated the contest save the first quarter which ended in a tie, 12-12.

The Bears roared to a 32-16 intermission lead by pouring in twenty points during the second stanza. Hank Herrod, filling in admirably for injured guard Tommy Kendall led this assault by popping in eight points in the second quarter.

As the game continued, the Bears pulled farther away from their opponents from Birmingham. By the end of the third quarter, the Bruin quintet had secured a comfortable 45-24 cushion. At this point the reserves entered the action and widened the gap while winning going away.

Randy Walker, Junior guard, sparked a last quarter rally by pouring through thirteen points in a very fine performance of all-round good basketball.

Randy's total of thirteen points tied him for high man for the Bears with seniors John Pickens and center Earl Compton. Hank Herrod finished with ten points to put him in double figures for the game. Jim Marlowe and Bill Alread had eight and six points respectively, to supplement the scoring.

Game Notes . . . The Bear defense was especially tough, as it held Shades Valley to only sixteen field goals, seven of which were scored by Buddy Edwards, high man of the game with nineteen points . . . The Bears hit an even 50% from the field, but did poorly at the charity lane,

hitting only 20 of 38 free tosses . . . The Bear victory ran the season record to 17-2.

Bear Box	TP
Pickent	13
Alread	6
Compton	13
Hollyhand	1
Horn	0
Herrod	10
Marlowe	8
Minor	4
Walker	13
Holcomb	4
Total	72

## Holt

The Tuscaloosa Black Bears basketball team won a tough victory over the upset-minded Holt Ironmen. This was the 15th victory for the Bears this season against two defeats, both to Sidney Lanier.

With two of the regular starters out, John Pickens and Tommy Kendall, the Bears were held to an 18-18 tie at the end of the first half.

Bill Alread and Doug Hollyhand sparked the Bears with six points each in the third period. The Bears led after three quarters by a score of 39-35. This was the turning point of the game.

Although Holt battled back in the fourth period, Alread and Hollyhand added two points each with moments to go. As the gun went off the Black Bears won 51-37.

Summary:

THS (51)—Hollyhand 14, Alread, 13, Minor 7, Horn 6, Compton 5, Herrod 4, Cummings 2.

# Poets fall to 'Loosa

## County High

The Tuscaloosa High Black Bears rolled over the County High Wildcats for the second time this season by a 47-34 score. The Bears earlier in the season beat the Cats, 48-34.

Seniors Bill Alread and Earl Compton led the Bruins with 15 points each. John Pickens had six and Doug Hollyhand and Hank Herrod had four points each.

In the first quarter County High controlled the ball most of the eight minutes. The score was 4-3 in favor of the Wildcats at the end of the first period.

In the second period Alread hit for 4 points and Compton for 2, but the Cats scored nine and led at the half 12-10.

In the third period, however, Tuscaloosa fired ahead with Alread, Compton and Herrod leading the way. The Bears led going into the final quarter 30-23.

In the fourth period the Bears kept their 13 point lead and won 47-34.

## Woodlawn

The Tuscaloosa Black Bears upped their season record to 12-2 slate with a 62-43 victory over Woodlawn in Birmingham on Tuesday, January 22.

The Bears took an early 16-6 first quarter lead and held a 32-20 cushion at the halftime intermission.

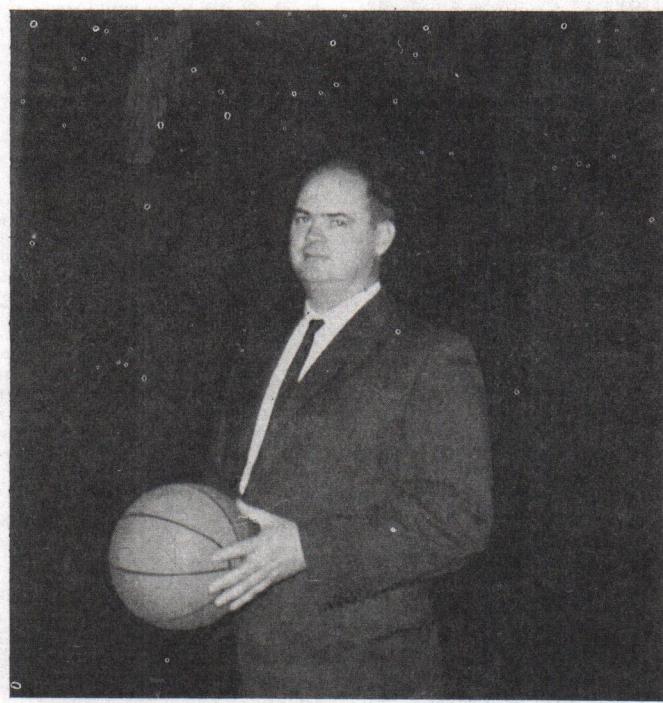
John Pickens, six-foot one inch senior forward, captured game honors with a total of twenty six points. This effort is John's finest of the season.

Pickens was supported in the scoring by six foot four center Earl Compton, who has been a great asset to the Bears this season. "Big Bill" Alread chipped with six points for the contest.

The Bears next game is against County High on January 25th.

Tuscaloosa Scoring Against Woodlawn:

Pickens 26, Horn 2, Alread 6, Herrod 2, Compton 15, Minor 4, Hollyhand 4, Walker 1.



COACH TARLETON



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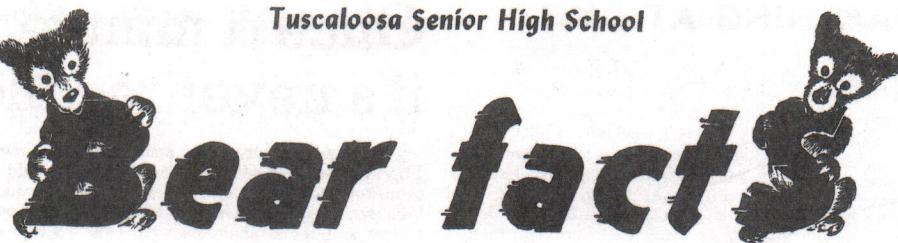
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# Tuscaloosa High School student bills pass



Shown above are winners of Youth Legislature awards. First row; left to right, Sammy Maze, Bill Shamblin, and Jimmy Adams. Second row, Jane Mills, Libby Gray, Linda Grimes, and Patti Hicks. Third row, Bob Hopper, David Cormany, and Carl Faulkner.

## New fashions arrive Colonel Self speaks

Fashions for spring and summer were introduced at Brown's Department Store Thursday night, March 21 by the Anchor Club.

Mrs. Maxwell Moody, Jr., coordinator, introduced models: Nan Taylor, Carol Pennington, Margaret Whitfield, Alice Ann Duncan, Diane Stanwell, Ann Newman, Marcia Owens, Sheila Terrill, Mary Helen Roberts, and Nancy O'Brian.

Profit made by the Anchor Club was doubled by Brown's Department Store. All proceeds went to the Student Council Foreign Student Fund. Door prizes were given.

## NHS induction held March 12 at THS

The induction service for new members of the Druid Chapter of the National Honor Society was held Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. Presiding over the ceremony was Sheila Terrill, president. The devotional was given by Ann Lee, vice president. Heading the program were Carol Curry, representing scholarship, Foss Smith, representing leadership, Betsy Hoole representing service, and Ann Newman, representing character.

Others on the program were Billie Blair, induction chairman, Mary Elliot, Amelia Kyle, Janet Arey, Sharon Foster, and Becky Glenn. A reception for new members and their parents was held after the induction service. Mrs. Irene Little is sponsor.

Hundreds upon hundreds of hours of work were spent in the preparation of the Tuscaloosa High science projects this year. To acknowledge the superior excellence of the higher rated projects, an awards program was presented February 28. The program was held in the large auditorium with Tuscaloosa High science students attending. Mr. Walter Liverman gave the invocation.

Mrs. Frances Lyons opened the program with the official welcome. Lt. Bill E. Tomson of the University of Alabama presented Lt. Col John W. Self, professor of air science at the University of Alabama. Col. Self, principal speaker at the program, told Tuscaloosa High students that their creative thinking today will pay off in finished products and new ideas of tomorrow. He also emphasized the value of creative thinking due to the revolution in science brought about by the "space age".

Richard McCook was awarded the grand prize and first place in the biology division for his project on the production of food and oxygen by algae.

Other winners in the biology division were Alton Penz, second; Tommy Guin, third; and Warren Duncan, fourth.

First place in the chemistry division was John Hisey. Kendall Clarke took second place while third and fourth places went to Barry Still and Charles Wilkins, respectively.

Top honors in the physics division  
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## Members capture many awards

One hundred Tuscaloosa County Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y members participated in the four-day YMCA Youth Legislature held in Montgomery at the state capitol, March 21-24.

THS students captured many awards at the Fifteenth Annual Youth Legislature. Jimmy Adams and Sammy Maze received the Tuscaloosa News Award for serving as President Pro-tem of the Senate and Floor Leader of the House, respectively. Eugene Poole received honorable mention to the Jere Hardy Award, which is awarded to the best statesman in both the Senate and House of Representatives.

The following THS'ers bills were passed by both houses and signed into law by the Youth Governor, Bill Shamblin of TCHS: Linda Grimes and Jane Mills; Bob Hopper; Libby Gray; Vincent Rollins. Resolutions passed and signed were presented by Carl Faulkner and Frank Greer; Jimmy Adams and Joe Anders.

The legislature convened Thursday afternoon at 3:15 p.m. in both houses. Chuck Muckenfuss of Lanier presided in the House of Representatives and Bob Watson, Lieutenant Governor, also of Lanier presided in the Senate. At this time the first reading of the bills was given. Committee meetings were held later in the afternoon at

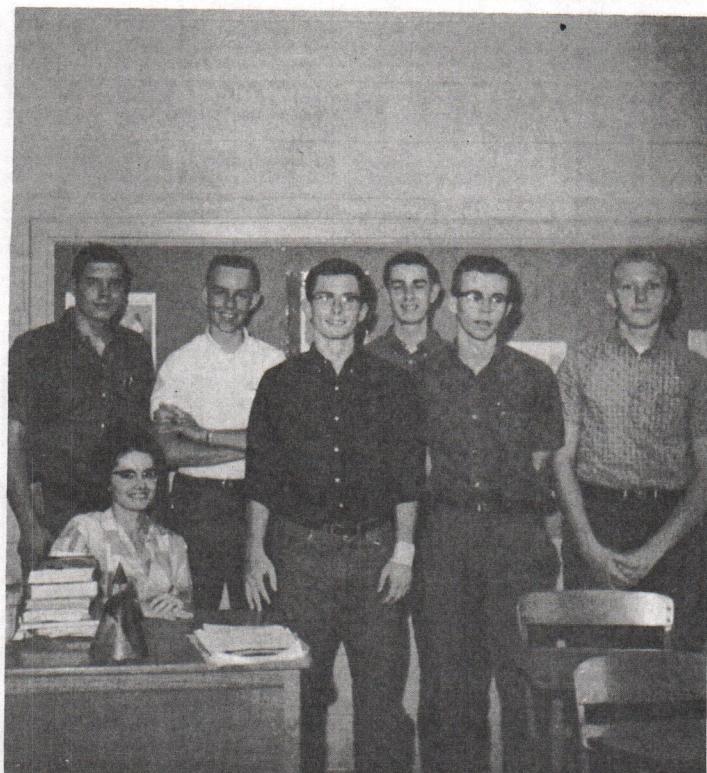
the capitol building. Thursday night the bills were given second readings and committee reports heard. At a joint session the same night, Youth Governor Bill Shamblin was elected.

Friday morning Governor George Wallace spoke to the group. Both Houses then reconvened and debate began on the bills. After lunch, debate began again and continued until 11:00 p.m. that night with an hour taken off for supper.

Saturday morning, bills passed in one House were sent to the other for further debate and passage. Saturday afternoon debate continued until 5:00 p.m. Then both Houses adjourned Sine Die.

Saturday night a banquet was held in the Blue-Gray Room of the Whitley Hotel, at which time awards were presented. At 9:30 p.m. the Youth Governor's Ball was held at the Montgomery YMCA with officers and dates in the leadout. Tuscaloosa High students participating in the leadout were as follows: Amelia Kyle, escorted by Bill Shamblin; Frances Rice, escorted by Jimmy Adams; Celia Ann Mims escorted by Sammy Maze.

Other officers from here were Mary Tillotson, House of Representatives clerk; Patti Hicks, enrolling clerk of Senate; and Jackier Hatmaker, chaplain of Senate.



John Hisey, Kendall Clarke, James Cutting, Richard Snow, Bob Worthy, Richard McCook, Annette Walker, were among winners.

# IS RIP AWAKENING AT LAST?



# Once a minute is gone it's never recalled

The time is drawing near for THS'ers. Another school year will be over, for the Senior his last year in high school, for the Junior, his next to last and the Sophomore, well, he's got two more years. But, all-in-all, another school year will be closing for all.

Many of us are thinking of things we will be doing when time for school is up. But, are we thinking about what we're going to do during that time?

Henry Mancini wrote the beautiful "Moon River" between the times of 11:40 p.m. and 12:00 a.m., a period of twenty minutes. Abraham Lincoln wrote the Gettysburg Address in less

than two hours. Wally Schirra flew around the world six times in nine and one-half hours.

Classmates, we have 26 days left before school closes for the summer. That's 97 periods, or 10,920 minutes of intellectual learning.

Don't let a minute go by without each of us trying to achieve something of excellence merit. Whether it be great or small, try, try, your best to do your best during the time we have left.

It is appropriate that we remember the saying, "once a minute is gone, it can never be recalled". Bear in mind this wise saying and fill each minute of your life with something good.

## WHAT PRICE CONFORMITY?

Too many people need an audience to exist. The only reason they do anything is because they think someone is watching them. They feel that to do something great without recognition is to have done nothing at all. These people live for acknowledgement; personal pride in a worthwhile accomplishment means nothing.

They work to impress the masses and will never do anything the majority won't approve of. Their lives are stifled by the constant fear that they might do something out of the "ordinary", something individual.

Cheating to maintain a "normal" B or C average doesn't matter. To them it is only a means to an end. They'd rather risk being caught than fall mentally below the norm. And after all, even though the public is scandalized by brash displays of dishonesty, it is even more shocked by evidences of a true honesty.

A person who isn't pressed by a fear of public opinion, who doesn't particularly want to keep up (even grade-wise) with the crowd, feels no need to cheat. His grade is a reflection of the work he has done and that is all he needs or wants it for.

### Red blob grows

## TRUTH SHALL KEEP US FREE

"Your grandchildren will live under communism," Khruschev emphatically stated. We can see Communism as a conspicuous red blob on maps—but an ever-growing one.

Communism is eating away at Europe, the Far East, Africa, and now, even Cuba, in our own Western Hemisphere. But let's bring it closer. Most of us realize there is a Communist party in the United States, but do we understand just how active it is? Candidates on the "Red" tickets have been put up for the presidency. In New York City, THE WORKER is published, spreading its Communist propaganda. The Communist Party in Minnesota recently held a picnic in one of our parks. As a democratic nation, we are privileged to have certain rights and freedoms. Therefore we cannot jail the publishers of THE WORKER unless they print false accusations against our Federal government. Now can we do nothing to the participants of the picnic unless they disturb the peace.

The only way our democracy can survive and not be over-powered by Communism will be if the people open their eyes to this increasing threat. Most college-educated people are well-schooled on the evils of Communism, but the majority of people don't even recognize it when it's right under their noses.

Recently, a survey was undertaken to determine how many high principals favored a course on Communism required as a part of the curriculum.

The results were mostly negative. Presently, two high schools in the U.S. offer such courses, and our high school has only a small section dealing with Communism. It is the opinion of many people that such a course should be required in all high schools throughout the country. For it is the ignorant that accept Communism, but the educated will fight for the freedoms we cherish in the United States of America.



## Bouquets and BRICKBATS

by Billie Blair

We have been requested to hurl a brickbat at test cheaters.

No Ma'am.

We're not going to play the villain for you. It's up to the individual to curb cheating. When you see it, throw your own brickbat! Tell the cheater that you do not approve. And you know what he'll reply—that's censorable in this publication.

Only when a teacher heads a classroom in which cheating is difficult, if not impossible, and fellow students frown on cheating, will it be curbed.

We're sorry if you're disillusioned because of cheaters who make all A's and the Honor Society. But as a high school journalist said at an AHSPA panel discussion, "There is just so much you can write about cheating." I wish I had a dollar for every time an editorial appeared in a high school newspaper condemning cheating—I could afford to buy my own newspaper.

Sorry, Ma'am, but the chronic cheater doesn't read the editorial page. And when your all-A cheater reads our words, he dismisses all ideas as those of a crackpot and a babbling idiot who doesn't face reality anyway.

So, throw your own brickbats—

individually, every day, every time you see cheating. What your all-A cheating friend replies is "too bad," but that is the peril of throwing brickbats!

Bouquets to Mary Tillotson, who edited this page for last issue, Ray Ogilvie, who is responsible for this, and William Allen who is slaving over the next.

Amid all of the hullaboo we again elected Student Council officers. Some voted for the handsome, the beautiful, the witty and some few looked behind the slogans and the gimmicks and tried to select capable leaders. Bouquets to the latter voters.

## Bear facts

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It is the policy of the Bear Facts to report the news accurately and to interpret the news fairly.



# Veteran driver speaks

Gene Hartley, veteran Indianapolis Motor Speedway driver, spoke to the students of Tuscaloosa High School, April 8th, during general assembly.

Mr. Hartley is one of a team of seven Indianapolis race drivers who have presented the award-winning Champion Highway Safety Program to more than 3,000,000 teen-agers in the last five years. His subject, "Highway Safety Is No Accident" was of particular importance and interest to THS students, many of whom are taking driver training education, and countless others who are driving cars in heavy traffic everyday.

The Indianapolis race driver compared driving on the big speedway with everyday operations on our highways and insisted if every motorist would be as courteous and as alert as the race driver and keep his car in

as good condition, there would not be the heavy traffic fatality toll being experienced today.

Mr. Hartley related many of his experiences on the race track and some he has had on the highways which he travels some 35,000 to 50,000 miles a year as he delivers his safety lectures. Proceeding the talk, the speaker showed a sound and color movie made at the Indianapolis Speedway especially for use of the highway safety team.

The National Safety Council has recognized the program by presenting its public service award to Champion Spark Plug Company for developing and maintaining the presentation in the public interest. It has also been recognized by more than 5,000 letters from educators; civic leaders and law enforcement officers attest to the value of the presentation.

## Charter given DE

Ten delegates from Tuscaloosa High School Distributive Education Club attended the State Leadership conference of the Alabama Association of Distributive Education Clubs of America held in Montgomery, March 22 and 24.

The delegates included Phillip Hargle, James Elmore, Grace Edgeworth, Sara McCarter, Judy Sparks, Dinah Hall, Melba Burt, Dorothy Sparks, Ann Griffin, and Jeneva Bush.

In recognition for first year membership the THS D. E. Club received their charter from National D.E.C.A. The award was given to Dinah Hal in state-wide competition for 3rd place in the Display Contest.

Among other club activities the delegates were given a tour of the Capital City.

The D.E.C.A. club is looking forward to attending the conference next year with their new members.

All students who are interested in taking D.E. should contact Mr. Pat Wallace, in room 113.

## Staff encourages volunteer workers to render service

Students interested in volunteer work at Veterans Hospital were addressed by several members of the V.A. staff on Tuesday, March 26.

Speaking first was Miss Cathy Coppock, a student nurse from Mobile, Alabama. Miss Coppock has been working here for three months and she explained how varied and interesting it is working with the patients.

Next, Mrs. Helen Hannah, a registered nurse and teacher of student nurses, spoke. She told about the nursing field and the duties of each volunteer nurse.

Mrs. Clarinda Britt, Director of volunteers, pointed out the various volunteers may work in the personnel fields of volunteer work offered, division, recreation, music, nursing service, manual arts therapy, educational therapy, occupational and corrective therapy.

Mrs. Hannah stated, "Volunteers render an invaluable service to the patients by just being there when we couldn't possibly."

The minimum age for Junior volunteers is sixteen years.

Both Mrs. Hannah and Miss Coppock believe that student service helps not only the patient but the volunteer also. It gives one a personal insight on mental illness, making one realize his own capacities.

## Army offers choice rather than chance

Keeping pace with their ever-expanding air mission, the U. S. Army is now offering high school graduates direct enlistments for aviation pilot training, according to an announcement made today by SFC A. J. Blake, local Army recruiter.

This is the latest addition to the Army's "Choice Not Chance" enlistment program which offers young men and women their choice of hundreds of career opportunities—guaranteed in writing before they enlist.

Under the aviation option, high school graduates may apply for pilot training in helicopter or conventional aircraft and a commission as a Warrant Officer, if they are:

- \* a United States citizen;
- \* more than 18 and less than 30 years of age;
- \* able to pass comprehensive mental and physical examinations;
- \* between 5'4" and 6'4" in height;
- \* not more than 200 pounds in weight;
- \* willing to enlist for two years, and agree to accept an appointment as a Warrant Officer.

Sergeant Blake said that qualified candidates will receive a written guarantee, before enlisting, insuring Army pilot training upon successful completion of 8 weeks basic training.

"Candidates may indicate their choice of Rotary wing (helicopter) or Fixed wing (conventional) training," he said. "However, candidates will only be guaranteed pilot training. Which type of pilot training individuals receive will be based on needs of the service."

Upon enrollment at the school, candidates will be promoted to the grade of sergeant and will receive the pay and allowances of that grade while attending Preflight and Primary Flight Training. Upon graduation from these courses, they will be released from their two-year enlistment and commissioned as a Warrant Officer.

Rotary Wing Training is 36 weeks and Fixed Wing courses run 42 weeks.

Sergeant Blake's office is located at Room 203, Post Office Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He said he welcomes questions on aviation training or any other of the many "Choice Not Chance" options currently being offered young men and women of the community.

## Convention held

Tuscaloosa High French Club members, along with other French students from throughout the state, attended the Alabama Federation of French Clubs' convention at the University of Alabama, March 22-23.

French students were allowed to leave school early Friday in order to register at Morgan Hall and look at the various exhibits displayed there.

Later at 4:00 P.M. a general assembly was held in the Morgan Hall Auditorium with Shades Valley High School presiding. The welcome on behalf of the University was given by Dr. Frederick W. Conner, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

In the evening there was a Banquet in the Cherokee Ballroom of the Hotel Stafford. After dinner, a talk was given by Dr. C. Beaumont Wicks, Head of the Department of Romance Languages at the University of Alabama. Dr. Wicks chose as his topic "My Year in France."

At the close of the Banquet at 7:45 P.M., members left for Morgan Hall where individual oral contest was presented in French by representatives from various schools.

The evening was climaxed by a party in the Union Ballroom sponsored by Shades Valley High School and the University of Alabama.

Saturday was spent in group discussions. Club members had a choice of entering one of three groups: "French Made Positive", "Your Responsibility in the Alabama Federation" or "Future Careers and Job Opportunities".

The convention was brought to close with a general assembly in Morgan Hall. At this time awards were presented to winners in skits and exhibits, followed by committee reports and, lastly, the installation of officers.

## Susan Giles honored

On Monday, March 25, the Future Teachers of America met to make plans for the District Meeting to be held in April.

FTA President Susan Giles, who is moving away soon, was presented a charm.

At their last meeting, two foreign exchange students from the University of Alabama, Ephrossyme Gavaki and Carmen Tobio, spoke to the group. Miss Gavaki, who is from Greece, has been here for two years, and Miss Tobio, who is from Mexico, has been here only six months. Mrs. Van Tassel said it was a very interesting meeting.

## Registration planned

Registration Day and Senior Day this year will be held Friday, April 26. Sophomores and juniors will come to school that day at the time designated by their homeroom teachers. Senior teachers will work with other homeroom teachers.

Several new courses are being offered. In science, there will be Biology II for students with an average above 70. Physical Science II will be offered for those students who are not interested in Chemistry or Physics. These students must have approval of Mrs. Sellers or Mrs. Pierce. Physical Science I is being offered to 10th graders who have had Biology in the 9th grade. Physics and Chemistry will continue to be offered.

Two new courses are being added next year in speech. First, a junior-senior level course in Speech I, or speech fundamentals. "Many students reach these grades and realize their need for better oral communication," comments Mrs. Rankin. "The course

## Science Fair

(Continued from Page 1) went to Robert Bagley. Other physics winners were Joe Larry, second; Mary Dana Pierce and Nancy Richardson, co-winners of third place, and Frank Adams fourth place.

Winners in the math division were Bob Worthy first; Gene Scott, second; James Cutting, third, and James Taylor, fourth.

Richard Snow took top prize in the general science division. Taking second place was Ed Pickett. Third place winner was Mathew Mason and fourth winner was Annette Walker.

Chairman of the judges for this year was Dr. E. Gibbs Patton, and Assistant chairman was Dr. Everett Biship. Other judges for the separate divisions were Dr. Carl L. Seebeck, math; Dr. Scott Barr and Dr. Robert Whitehurst, physics; Dr. George Palmer and Dr. James Kassner, chemistry; Mr. James Yarbrough and Mr. Lawrence Baum, biology; and Dr. Douglas Jones and Dr. Earl Clere, general science.

Sponsors for this year's science fair were Mrs. Frances Lyons, the science department, and the science club.

The fair was open to the public February 27 and 28.

## NHS inducts 41 at assembly program

Scholarship, character, leadership: these are the qualifications on which the 41 new members of the Druid Chapter of the National Honor Society were selected. Sheila Terrell, presiding over the tapping ceremony, informed the school assembly that those tapped were seniors and the upper five per cent of the junior class.

New senior members are Pat Hayes, George Styles, Rebecca Wright, Sharon Reynolds, Margaret Lindsey, Shirley Bailes, Jane Adams, Karen Allen, Susan Woodley, Kendall Clark, Anita Stabler, Camilla Carty, Kyra Lee Jones, Evelyn Rafford, Sammy Seals, Alice Ann Duncan, Douglas Hollyhand, Sally Johnson, Jerry Smith, and Judy Smith.

Junior members include Ann Banks, Karen Boozer, Pamela Butler, Linda Carol Byars, Ronald Davis, Katherine Doster, Sandra Gleisburg, Anita Hailey, Bob Pritchett, Gene Scott, Connie Strickland, Ricky Winstead, Kay Jernigan, Donna Iverson, Pat White, Annette Walker, Lynette Bostick, Anita Louise McIntosh, Whitney Menning, Kathleen Pritchett, and Sally Kirk.

## Registration planned

will be for the older student and an excellent college preparatory course." The second course is Speech III, Drama, and Competitive Speech. Student having completed the first two years of speech are eligible for this third year. A special emphasis will be placed on debate.

Students who have had three years of art in high school are eligible as art assistants. Mr. Kerr wants anyone registering to get his approval first.

Students planning to take trigonometry should get Mrs. Marion Smith's approval and those taking Plane Geometry should get Mrs. Gulley's approval. Also, no junior will be allowed to sign up for Plane if he is in no present math class, without having first a conference with Mr. Merrill or Mrs. Gulley.

Teachers urge students to check college entrance requirements carefully before choosing courses for next year.

# THS seniors, 'Before and After'



This little girl has never gotten much taller. Everyone knows her by her friendly smile and sparkling personality.

In her first few years of high school she was elected Miss Sophomore, cheerleader and a Black Warrior Favorite. Throughout her high school years she has been known for her outstanding scholarship and leadership as a member of the Anchor Club, Latin Club, Mixed Chorus, Honor Society, Student Council, Senior Banquet Committee, and Head Cheerleader.

We'll miss her but we won't worry about her, for with all of these honors she will surely go a long way in life! (A.A.D.)



It would take a notebook to tell all the honors this boy holds but just a few are president of three important organizations—the Key Club International, Boys Nation, and the Senior Class. He also holds the high honor of being the Governor of Alabama's Boys State. He was the winner of the Alabama Birmingham News' Oratorical Contest and Alabama-Florida Civital Oratorical Contest. Last year he served as the vice-president of our S.G.A. He has been elected the "Most Likely To Succeed" of the Senior Class, and we certainly agree. (P.R.)



This character is known by her close friends as "Big Mama." She received the name a few years ago as a result of being so kind and helpful to all of her friends. Her many friends respect her and feel it's an honor to be a friend of hers. She has been elected a Black Warrior Favorite for the past four years. She also served as the Secretary of the Junior Class. She is a member of the Anchor Club, Historical Society, Student Council, Spanish Club (Treas.), Pep Squad, and the Inter-Club Council. It's not hard to guess who she is! The one and only— (N.Q.)

## See who's perfect!?

Smile—Margaret Whitfield  
Eyes—Ashley Smith  
Personality—Ann Patton  
Clothes—Mitzi Brown  
Nose—Nan Taylor  
Figure—Carol Pennington  
Height—Susan Holloman  
Complexion—Kathy Roberts  
Hair—Louise Moody  
Charm—Ann Banks  
Shyness—June Carver  
Actions—Cam Cantly



Blond hair, blue eyes! Wow! He was good-looking then and is even better looking now. He has served as Vice-President of the Senior Class, Key Club President, Best-All-Round Boy for the past three years and a member of the National Honor Society. With honors like these he'll be a big hit in life. (J.C.)



This pretty miss was born to be a cheerleader, and you can see why! That big mouth! Besides being a wonderful cheerleader she has won the honors of being Homecoming Maid, Junior Beauty, and the West Alabama Fair Queen. She has been a member of the Anchor Club, Spanish Club, Math Club, Honor Society, and Student Council. With her looks and personality she'll be a complete "knock-out." (E.H.)

This adorable little girl has grown into a raving beauty. She was selected 2nd Alternate "Miss Tuscaloosa High, 1963". She has been the Historian and Vice-President of the Spanish Club, a member of the Anchor Club, Black Warrior Staff, and Honor Society. She was the Homecoming Team Sponsor and is now one of our finest cheerleaders. How can anyone have such good looks and brains too? Well, she surely does. (C.C.)

## Football team gets name from coach

Have you ever wondered how THS got the name Black Bears?

Coach A. L. Dawson, who is now teaching at Phillips High School, was nice enough to give us this information. Coach Dawson spent three years at THS during the early 20's. During his last year the football team won all nine games and became state champs. Besides this, no one scored against them all season.

Football wasn't the only sport in the spotlight. The baseball team won 22 out of 22 games that season.

Coach Dawson began to worry because his championship team had no name. He wanted a suitable name for a fighting team and for the school colors, red and black. Many high schools were using the name of an animal, so Coach Dawson decided that THS should have a black bear with a red tongue.

Coach Dawson recalled many other problems that his team had. During this time they had no practice field. Later the University of Alabama let them use a corn field which is now Denny Stadium. The city street department knocked down the corn rows and leveled the field.

Lack of showers was another problem. A plumber was called and he ran a long pipe overhead with holes in it about 6 inches apart. The boys stood under these holes and showered. When hot water was needed a small kerosen blaze was used.

Congratulations to Warren Duncan, Richard McCook, Judy Beal and Tommy Guin our newly elected Science Club officers.



THS's OWN TWINS, GAIL AND GARY MIZELL

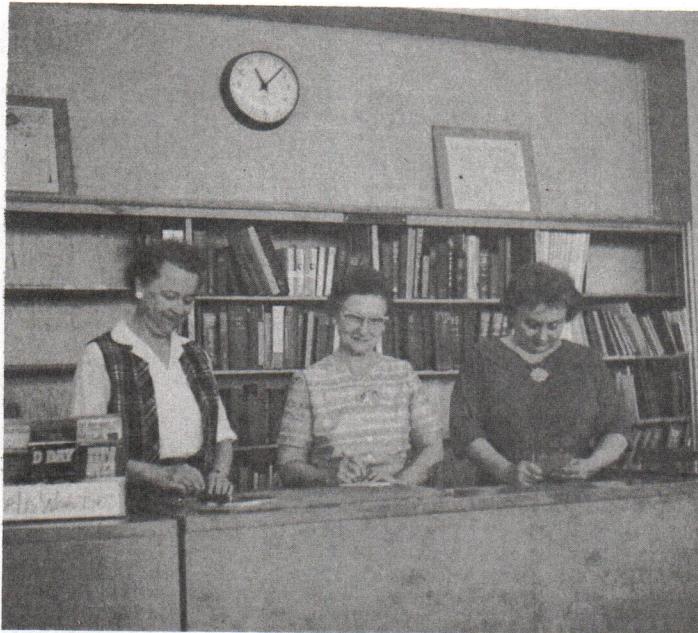
## Bear Facts Presents GAIL AND GARY MIZELL

Sixteen years ago in Ocala, Florida, Gary Mizell was born to Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Mizell, one hour later Gary's sister, Gail, came into the world. After three months had passed, Gary and Gail moved to Montgomery, Alabama, where they spent two years. At the end of these two years the family moved again, this time to their present home in Tuscaloosa.

During their younger years, Gail said her mother would dress her and Gary alike. Gary commented that he never had heard about that before. When asked how they felt about

being twins, Gail answered, "I wouldn't trade it for anything in the world." Gary added, "I don't know how any other way would be." Gary and Gail both agreed that they get along fine and hardly ever fuss with each other.

Gary and Gail enjoy some of the same things like swimming and many different kinds of sports. Gail plays the piano and collects post cards, while Gary enjoys coin collecting. Both enjoy going to the Y.M.C.A. where Gail belongs to Tri-Hi-Y and Gary, Hi-Y.



Pictured left to right are our three Librarians, Mrs. Darden, Mrs. Howard, and Mrs. Terrill.

## Ladies and gentlemen...

Ladies and Gentlemen, if you will please step this way . . . that's right. Now this is the Tuscaloosa High School Library. It is one of the finest high school libraries in Alabama. On your left are the reference books. The THS library has ten sets of encyclopedias including one set of science encyclopedias. Nine are over here on your right (on the end of the library going into the reading room) and one set is behind the desk. Also, in the reading room, there are three old sets of encyclopedias. Here are our three librarians, Mrs. Howard, head librarian, Mrs. Terrill and Mrs. Darden, who are here to help the THS students in any way that they are able. Continuing around the library we see some paperback books for sale. There are books on everything from "How to Get into College" to "Teen-age Pops". Here at this desk books are checked in and out, but students are asked if a book is checked out of the reading room, please check it in there. Also behind the desk are all reserved books. On the other side of the desk are many more books and the doors leading to the Study Hall (Notice how quiet THS Study Halls are).

If you will please follow me this way, ladies and gentlemen, here in the center of the library the card catalog is found. All books are listed here by titles as well as authors. Now, over here beside the window is the verticle

file. It has material on almost any subject needed.

Shall we go this way? Oh, before entering the reading room, you will notice the many students sitting at tables here in the library. This is the second Study Hall. It is held in the library because more room was needed to display books. The librarians say that this has worked out rather well and they hope to continue in this manner. If you will just come this way—this is the reading room. In here are all fiction books, biographies and short stories. You will notice that there is a card catalog in here, too. As I'm sure you've noticed here are paper-back books for sale also.

Let's just go back through the library to the main hall. Don't you agree with me in saying that this is truly a wonderful library? Please, follow me, ladies and gentlemen, no browsing. If you'll just come with me down this hall we'll go to the THS Auditor—

### Moments never to be forgotten

Margaret Whitfield—When I first wore my two piece bathing suit.

Nan Taylor—The Student Council campaign

Cathy Dent—The night I ran out on the football field when the game wasn't over.

John Caldwell—I'm embarrassed all the time.

Dennis Holcomb—Censored

Charley Flemming—When people ask me what my most embarrassing moment is.

Mary Carol Williams—When I fell flat on my face at Jerry's.

Cheryl Hunter—When I had three dates for one night.

Lana Johnson—The time I hollered Beat Holt and we were playing Aniston.

Bear Facts—When we don't come out on time. We did this time though.

Judy Green—Out at the farm!

Marilyn Northcutt—When Mother caught me in Magnolia Drive.

Netta Holley—then Mama walked in.

Pat Roberts—At the Marion Airport with Debbie.

Emma Kay Guin—The time my slip fell off in English in the 8th grade.

### Can you imagine?

Ashley being fat?  
Dwayne Archibald dating high school girls?

Nan looking bad?  
Cam without her tennis shoes?  
Netta without gossip?  
Donna Sue without make-up?  
O. K. Bryant without Carolyn?  
Rick Day without trouble?  
Jane Barr without scars?  
Pettus without any new offices?  
Brantly Cockrane without Joe?  
Pete Foster being conceited?  
Rebecca Glenn in a Black Bear Letter sweater?  
Hank Herrod being serious?  
Jimmy Marlowe without his gang?  
Sammy Maze with black hair?  
Diane Neely without Ronnie?  
Nancy Quinn without her smile and great personality?

## Short Snorts

Never run to class. Getting there is bad enough; don't rush it!

Exercise the jaws; Talk loudly and often — with gum, which aids PE credits.

During class, make five trips to the pencil sharpener. This delay strategy increases your popularity.

If taking a message to someone, stalk right into the room. Don't knock—keep surprise element on your side for utmost attention.

Run over everyone in the halls. Be noticeable!

Class is boring? Giggle hilariously at some private joke. This stimulates both class and instructor.

Never sweat the little things! Handing in blank papers in test pro-tects against wrong answers.

Skipping class provides rest for two: pros and you!

Talking back to instructors reflects your poor upbringing. Just ignore them.

Why pass notes? It's cheap and degrading. Just lean over and talk!

Don't whisper Shout! Don't peek at another's paper—ask in a nice way to have it passed over.

#### How To Treat A Boy On A Date

Don't introduce him to your parents; he hates being stared at.

Keep him waiting at least forty-five minutes; after all, who's in a hurry?

Race him to the car; maybe he'll give you a piece of gum for being so fast.

Don't give him a chance to open the car door; he would probably forget anyway.

Sit as close to him as you can; he isn't capable of driving without help.

Talk about all the other boys you've gone with; he will appreciate your popularity.

Make him spend as much money as possible; he will just spend it on himself otherwise.

Comb your hair; his needs it too.

Don't let him walk you to the door; he might get the idea that you appreciate a gentleman.

Don't thank him for a nice evening; he will think you mean it.

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Marvin: "Whoever said that guy was a teacher? He just doesn't know how to teach the stuff. Everyone hates him. Everytime he tries to explain something he gets off the track so much that no one can understand him. I think he ought to quit teaching and go back to the farm."

Art: "Yeah, I flunked, too."

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Small boy to playmate, as pretty girl passes by: "Boy! If I ever stop hating girls, she's the one I'll stop hating first!"



The new Bear Facts contest winner, Cherry Chancy

### "We like it, but . . ."

The Bear Facts staff wanted to know what student teachers think . . . so we asked, and this is the result.

Miss Faulkner—"It's harder to be a teacher than a student; you have to be so careful not to 'stick your foot in your mouth'."

Jimmy Box and Bob Gant—"We have learned much during our student teaching, probably more than our students have."

Mr. Bates—"I think the Biology department is great! No one in any part of the state has desected what we have."

Miss May—"I think everyone is pretty much on the ball — I get watched all the time. Everytime I walk out of the house I run into someone at the wrong place."

Hinton Butler—"I like it . . . there are a couple of students I could do without."

### Do-the-best-you-can, sound familiar?

Try to develop as many different interests as possible and then you will be more interesting to more people. This is the philosophy of Mrs. Olivia Fines, Latin teacher at THS. Mrs. Fines sticks to this philosophy herself by being interested and informed on many subjects. Her students continue to be amazed everyday at her new interests. As for knowing history, the way she describes it, if you didn't know better, she might have lived during the days of the ancient Romans and Greeks.

Mrs. Fines said she would just like to walk around the golf course because now she has no time to play. If you had been at the Tuscaloosa Racquet Club during the Pro Tournament last summer, you would have seen Mrs. Fines enthusiastically watching from the stands.

Can you imagine Mrs. Fines scared? She said that when she was asked to teach at THS, she was scared to death. She had been a substitute here and when the regular Latin teacher left, she was asked to teach. She said that they couldn't find anyone else and had to use her as a last resort. What a last resort!

Mrs. Fines and Miss Joy Box, THS English teacher, are planning a trip to Europe this summer. They are going to spend a week on Crete, the land of the Greek monster, the Minotaur, and the place from where Daedalus and his son Icarus tried to fly with their man-made wings of feathers and wax. They will visit Aquileia (Eagleville), the winter quarters of the Roman army. They will go through Spain, France and will, of course, go to Rome.

You have heard many tales such as "You dare not talk while in Mrs. Fines' room." The fact is nobody wants to talk while in there. They are so busy listening and soaking in as much as they can from her. She is also full of humor—not jokes, but subtle little phrases that you think about after you are out of her room.

We hope that Mrs. Fines, with her subtle little smile and twinkling brown eyes will continue to amaze her students and fill their minds full of Jupiter, Juno and the rest of the gods.

# Swimmers make history

The Tuscaloosa Black Bear swim team captured the State Crown for the third straight time here March 23.

With the victory the Bears became the first team in Alabama history to win the crown three times in succession.

The Tankmen rolled over their nearest opponent, Sidney Lanier of Montgomery, by the margin of 65 to 41.

The Bruins were led by junior O. K. Bryant who broke his own breast stroke record by more than three seconds while breaking the individual medley record just for good measure.

Other members of the team who made the State finals were Dave Miller, Curtis Seay, Mike Stevens, F. B. Marks, Troy Allan, Cary Wil-

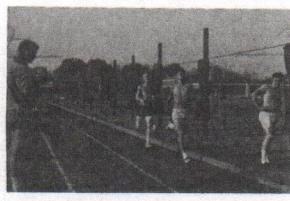
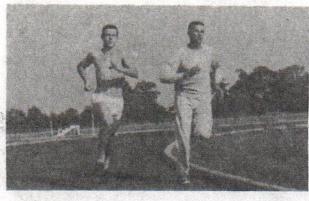
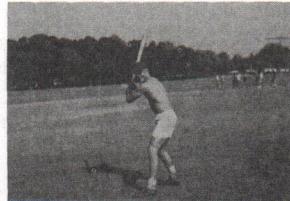
liams, Jim Brock, Bill Taylor, Robert Anderson, and Jim Newman.

At a victory party Coach Gene Newsom announced that due to the winning of the state crown he was lettering the whole squad.

1962-63 lettermen are: Dave Miller, Mike Stevens, O. K. Bryant, Curtis Seay, F. B. Marks, Bob Gribben, Jim Newman, Troy Allan, Cary Williams, Jim Brock, Gene Scott, Don Raab, Robert Anderson, Bo Lightfoot, Dave Williams, Pete Clark, Greg Huey, and Bill Taylor.

The girls captured the second place trophy behind Lanier. Edith Freudentholt broke the State Breast Stroke record with a time of 1:19.7. Other members of the girls' team are Cary Christian, Christine Rickett and Carol Clark.

## Baseball, track teams look forward to coming seasons



## THS golfers swamp Shades Valley

The Tuscaloosa High School golf team got its season off to a great start on March 29th by beating Shades Valley 10-8. The match, held at the Tuscaloosa Country Club, began what promises to be a very fine season for the linksmen.

Playing on the squad this year are Shep Park, Skip Laney, Greg Lockard, and Tom Patton. The alternates are presently Pete Cavert and Marty Van Tassel. Others who may see action are Bob Hopper, Bob Pritch-

Gaius Hittfield, Johnny Beauchamp and Tom Ashby.

Results: Herbert Green (SV) def. Shep Park (T) 2-1; Skip Laney (T) def. Ronnie Egge (SV) 2 1/2-1/2; Green and Egge (SV) def. Park and Laney (T) 2-1.

Greg Lockard (T) def. Jerry Goldstein (SV) 3-0; Hank Skelton (SV) def. Tom Patton (T) 3-0; Lockard and Patton (T) def. Goldstein and Skelton, 2 1/2-1/2.

## A successful spring training ends

Coach Henderson was fairly pleased as Spring Training came to an end March 29, after thirteen hard days of practice.

Many boys have had injuries which hurt the Black Bear practice. These boys are Ronnie Wedgeworth—ankle injury, Freddy Swanson and Jim Wilson, collar injury, Steve Bodin, Gerald Lathem and Dick Davis, knee injury, Al Kincaid and "Bull" Bordon had the flu, Payne Wright contacted the flu just before the session ended.

The only "real" standouts were Jay Smith and beginner Frank Adams.

Coach Henderson was asked to name his starting team if there was a game the day after Spring Training ended. Those named were Ends, Tom Patton and Dwayne Archibald; Tackles, Harold Davis and Tim Harless; Guards, Benny Tucker and Pat Mysinger; Center, Jay Smith; Fullback, Skip Cannon; Quarterback, Jim

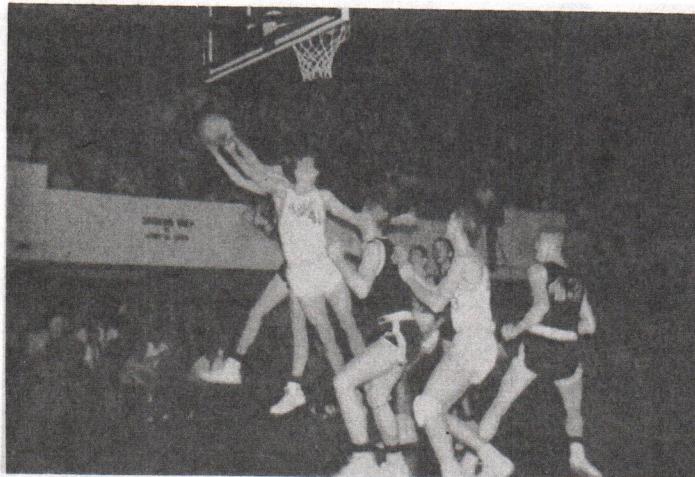
Vinson; and Halfbacks, Warren Day and Ronnie Wedgeworth.

With these boys leading the way Coach Henderson expects a winning season.

The Junior High boys impressed Coach Henderson very much as they went through blocking and tackling and other fundamentals with the older players.

Other players pacing the workouts were quarterback Mike Ford; halfback David White; fullbacks Wayne Wright, Jim Boteler, Bill Tidmore, Charles Tubbs, Jerry Evans; ends Mike Riley, Tom Patton and Jerry Davis; tackles Danny Beard, Gary Truett and Sy Jones; guards Phil Billings, Ellery Spradley, Mike Myssinger and Richard Corder.

The teams to be played the upcoming season are Holt, West End, Lanier, Bessemer, Anniston, Lee, County High, Phillips, Ensley, and Coffee.



Bear battle Lanier in tournament.

## Poets slip-past Black Bears for state title

by Jimmy Adams

Fifth District champions Tuscaloosa High went into the State "AA" Basketball Tournaments as pre-tourney favorites but had to take a second row seat to the Lanier Poets of Montgomery. The Black Bears rolled over three opponents on their way to meeting the tough Poets in the championship game before an overflowing crowd of 4,200 spectators at Foster Auditorium, March 9th.

The Montgomery quintet beat the Bears, 57-42, in gaining their second straight state title. They beat Decatur for the title last year.

The Bruins beat the Lexington Golden Bears in their first round game, 65-29. Bill Alread and Hank Herrod led the Bears with 16 and 10 point performances. Tuscaloosa hit a hot 50.9 per cent from the field while the Golden Bears shot a cold 15.4 from the floor.

The Bears jumped to a quick 15-0 first quarter lead and increased the margin at halftime to 36-9. They collected 13 points in the third quarter to only 8 for Lexington and led at the start of the final period, 49-17.

John Pickens, Randy Walker, and Earl Compton had six points each to help the Bruin attack, and Tommy Kendall and Dennis Holcombe 5 points each.

The Bears then advanced to the quarter-final round and met A. G. Parrish of Selma. Alread and Herrod got the Bears off to a 14-2 first period lead. Then in the second period behind the sharp-shooting of John Pickens, the Bruins scored 16 points and went into the dressing room at halftime leading 30-12. Doug Hollyhand popped in 11 tallies during a hot third period and the Bears led the Rams at three-quarters, 49-24. The Black Bears then won their second tourney game, 63-38.

Hollyhand led Tuscaloosa with 18 points as the Bruins shot at 48.9 per cent. They won the battle of the boards also pulling down 42 rebounds to only 24 for Selma.

On Saturday afternoon the Opelika Bulldogs took on the Black Bears in hopes of getting to the championship game, but the Bears gave the Dogs both a disappointment and a defeat, the latter being by the score of 48-25.

Bill Alread, once again, led the Bears with 16 points.

Opelika took the first period lead by a score of 10-9. But the Bears came rushing back in the second period to lead at the half way point, 20-17. In the third stanza THS outscored the Bulldogs sixteen to five and led at the close of the period, 36-21. In the final period Walker, Marlowe, Alread, Herrod and Compton held Opelika from scoring until 51 seconds were left in the contest,

and then they could manage but four free throws.

Then on Saturday night, the Bears and Poets met for the fifth time this season. Both teams were deadlocked at 2-2 for season play, the Lanier victories coming early in the season, the Bears in the latter part.

Lanier jumped to a quick 4-0 lead, but with Pickens leading the way, the Tuscaloosa team blasted into the lead and held it as the first period ended, 15-11. In the second quarter Lanier outscored the Bears twenty to eleven and took the lead at half-time, 31-26. Then came the disaster—our third quarter for the Bruins. With John Bricken and 6-7 Ronnie Knox leading the way, the two Poets pumped in thirteen points, while holding Tuscaloosa down to a single free-throw, the one point coming by Tommy Kendall. The score stood Lanier 44, Tuscaloosa 27. In the fourth period the Bears could only gain a two point margin on the Poets as Lanier won the state title for the second year in a row, 57-42.

### JOHN PICKENS NAMED "AA" MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

John Pickens, Tuscaloosa forward, was named Most Valuable Player at the close of the state "AA" tournament. Pickens joined teammate Bill Alread on the All-Tournament Team, along with Ronnie Moore of TCHS; John Bricken and Randy Thomas of Lanier; George Elrod of Emma Sansom; Furrell Bailey and Jimmy Pierce of Opelika; and Tommy Dodd of Pisgah.

Bricken led Lanier with 21 points. Knox had 11 points but pulled down 17 rebounds.

Pickens had 13 points to lead the Black Bears. Bill Alread pumped in 11 and Tommy Kendall seven as they fostered the Bears attack.

Tuscaloosa's record at the end of the season is 29-3, a fine show for a great team.

### BOX SCORES

\* for 4 tournament games

Player	FG	FT	PF	TP
Pickens	20	3-6	10	43
Alread	24	6-13	7	54
Compton	8	4-5	9	20
Hollyhand	11	7-9	10	29
Herrod	8	5-5	5	21
Kendall	5	4-9	3	14
Marlowe	1	4-8	5	6
Minor	2	2-2	1	6
Walker	4	4-5	2	12
Cummings	1	0-0	2	2
Marlowe	1	3-4	1	5
Horn	2	1-2	1	5



**Tuscaloosa  
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## **OUR SENIOR YEAR**

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# Class officers lead Junior-Senior Prom



Pettus Randall escorting Betsy Hoole in Junior-Senior Prom leadout.

## JUNIOR CLASS SHOWS TALENT

"The Junior Class on Trial" was the theme of the annual Junior Talent Show presented Friday night, April 19, in the THS auditorium.

There was a total of sixteen acts in which over ninety members of the Junior Class took part. Jay Smith and Ginger Willoughby were the "Attorneys" and introduced the various acts. The originality of the acts is shown in names such as "Went With the Breeze", "Treetop Singers", "The Finks", "The Wrap-arounds", and the "Speedometers".

Those on Talent Show committees were as follows: Set Committee—Joe Wood, Delaney Holaday, Robert Worthy, Earl Compton, Didi Fletcher, Robert Crow; Tickets and Programs—Ann Banks, Kat Pritchett, Judy Waugh; Publicity—Marcia Owens, Mitzi Brown; Script—Joel Latham, Ginger Willoughby, Jay Smith.

The Class Sponsor who helped greatly are Mrs. Vibbatt, Mrs. Fines, and Mr. Blanchard.

## Spanish Club helps Exchange Program

One hundred thirty dollars and twenty five cents, the proceeds of the Spanish Club dance, went to the support of the Foreign Student Exchange Program. The Spanish II and III club paid the expenses of the dance out of their own treasury. Thanks to the Alpines, who entertained at the dance for no charge, the dance was a roaring success.

Mrs. Del Valle thanks all the students who helped work at the party and all those who bought tickets.

## Co-Captains named

Seniors John Pickens and Earl Compton were named permanent co-captains of the Black Bears basketball banquet Thursday, April 18.

Other seniors honored at the banquet were Bill Alread, Jim Marlowe, Hank Herrod, and Doug Hollyhand. All of the seniors were awarded letters.

Other lettermen were Tommy Kendall, Jim Vinson, Randy Walker, Lonnie Minor, Greg Horn, Daniel Cummings, and Dennis Holcomb.

Coach Tarleton and the team finished second in the AA tournament ending a 29-3 season.

## U. of T. professor addresses retreat

April 26 through 28 the annual Christian Emphasis Retreat was held at Camp Cherry Austin. The retreat was sponsored by the Tuscaloosa County YMCA, under the supervision of Mr. Doyle Holliday, youth secretary.

The program was centered around three addresses presented by Rev. Andrew J. Prince, Professor of Theology at the University of Tennessee. His three addresses centered around the problem of morals or "what is right today, is it right tomorrow?" Workshops were held also to give more personal emphasis on the general theme of the program.

County Council representatives and officers served as the retreat committee heads. These committee heads consisted of Jimmy Adams, chairman and Ellen Boozer chaplain. Also on the committees were Barbara Brooks, Linda Armstrong, Francis Rice, Ann Vaughan, Libby Gray, Curtis Seay, and Amelia Kyle.

## "Escorts" from Nashville Tennessee provide music for the annual occasion

On the night of May 3, the Junior-Senior Prom was held in the Tuscaloosa High Gym.

The Escorts from Nashville Tennessee provided the music for the annual occasion.

Mr. Kerr, Tuscaloosa High art director, supervised the arrangement and construction of the decorations. Various art students participated in the construction and set up of the decorations.

The theme for the prom was set on a Japanese motif, setting off the basic oriental trend.

The lead-out participants included the Junior and Senior class officers, Junior-Senior homeroom presidents, Student Council officers, and their escorts. Senior class officers in the lead out were Pettus Randall escorting Betsy Hoole, John Caldwell escorting Judy Nisbet and Ann Newmann escorted by Bill Scott.

Junior Class president Jay Smith escorted by Estes Hayes and Tommy Kendall escorted Gail Roberts.

## 'Over the Rainbow' theme for banquet

Pettus Randall, president of the senior class, presided over the annual senior banquet held May 3.

The invocation was given by Richard Allan. Ronnie Ezell gave a toast to the faculty and Mrs. Harden responded.

The class song was sung and the class poem recited. The class will, prophecy, and history were given. Special songs, written by Becky Glenn, were sung by Cary Christian, Alice Ann Duncan, Martha Essay, and Rebecca Wright.

Closing the banquet, the alma mater was sung.

This year's general chairman was Betsy Hoole. Carrying out the theme, "Over the Rainbow", pots of gold were used as favors.

## Bagley named first

At the 29th Alabama Academy of Science six THS students were honored:

James Cutting won first place with his project "Boolean Algebra" in the mathematics division; Richard Snow won first place with his project "Oxygen for Space"; and Jimmy Cobble won second place with his project "Comparison of Fuels Used in the Fuel Cell" in the Chemistry division.

Robert Bagley was named first place winner in the Gorgas Scholarship at a banquet held Friday night, April 26, in the Union Building Ballroom. The scholarship includes \$1800 and four years free tuition to any Alabama college. Kendall Clarke was named third alternate and Bob Worthy seventh alternate to the Gorgas Award.

Student Council officers who participated were Hank Herrod escorting Cam Canty, Bob Hopper escorting Linda Tidmore and Dale Christian escorted by Johnny Townsend.

Homeroom presidents of the Junior and Senior class also participated in the lead-out. These participants were, John Wayne Armstrong and Anna Davis; Gary Byrd and Carol Pennington; Rusty Dockery and Jean Nisbet; Ronnie Ezell and Deanne Neely; Don Hallmark and Leska Turner; Joe Lee Hutt and Brantly Cochrane; Amelia Kyle and Curtis Seay; John Pickens and Mitzi Brown; Foss Smith and Jan Calhoun; Ted Williams and Sandra Ray; Larry Daniel and Peggy Box; Jack Sanders and Joy McCracken; Frank Adams and Linda Campbell; Jimmy Botler and Karen Watts; Carl Faulkner and Mitzi Marsh; Tom Ingram and Merwin Davis; Reggie Lancaster and Louise Moody; Joel Latham and June Carver; Poodgie Poole and Trudi Nelson; Tommy Wear and Pat White; and Jimmy Wilson and Terria Wood.

At midnight the climax of the 1963 Junior-Senior Prom came with the "last dance."



Diane Watson is head majorette for 1963-1964.

## Majorettes chosen for next season

On April 13, the 1963-64 Black Bear majorettes were chosen by Mr. MacArthur, band director, and the senior majorettes.

The majorettes re-elected were: Pat Roberts, Joy Booth, Diane Watson, Marilyn Northcutt, Nan Taylor, Martha Hastings, and Ann Winters.

The new majorettes elected were: Mary Carol Williams and Ellen Boozer from THS and Mary Williams from Eastwood Junior High.

The alternates are Patsy Smith and Patricia Marlowe.

The new majorettes elected Diane Watson as head majorette.

The senior majorettes graduating this year are: Carol Pennington, Mary Helen Roberts, Judy Pugh, Diane Harris, Patty Hicks, and Nina Beth Parker.

# We owe the world time and talents

Three months of summer vacation! And when we've returned blistered from P. C. and in between vacation trips, we will hear the plaintive cry, "What can we do? Where can we go? The answer is: Go home!

Mow the lawn. Wash the windows. Learn to cook. Paint the woodwork. Wash the car. Scrub some floors. Clean up your room.

Get a job. Go to summer school. Start a nursery school. Do volunteer work at Veteran's Hospital. Visit Partlow. Help at the Y. Go to church.

Build a boat. Plant a tree. Play cowboys and Indians with your little brother. Read to your younger sister. Write a letter to your grandparents.

Visit a shut-in. Assist the poor. Study astronomy. Do a chemistry experiment. Write a poem. Write a short story. Write a book. Read a book—maybe even *A Tale of Two Cities*. Read another book.

And when you are through . . . and not too tired . . . stop and look at a sunset.

Your parents do not owe you entertainment. Your city does not owe you recreational facilities. Your world does not owe you a living.

You owe the world something.

You owe it your time and your talents so no one will be hungry, or in poverty, or sick, or at war, or lonely again. (Adapted.)

## Bouquets and BRICKBATS

by Billie Blair

BOUQUETS . . . to so many THS teachers who have helped us in so many ways . . . to the language teacher who once admonished your columnist that, "if you lean over too far backward, you may fall flat on your face" . . . to the math teacher who taught this fool more than Algebra II and trig . . . to the English teacher who tries to make little lambs into ladies and gentlemen by precept of example . . . to another English teacher who has walked the thankless tightrope between student and faculty opinion . . . and to the other "outstanding" teachers who are assets to our school, set apart from the ordinary teacher by a certain love of learning—those who find time to teach more than conjugations, dates, and formulas.

Bouquets to the students who ARE the school, who made this a school year which saw Tuscaloosa High School excell in so many activities . . . to the Latin Clubbers who made this year's Latin Week the best publicized yet . . . bouquets and aspirin to next year's B. F. editors.

Bouquets, even, to our sister publication, the *Black Warrior*, who scream of the Senior Circle of Honor, "What happened to the twenty-fourth?"

### Brickbats yet to be thrown

Bouquets to the students we not-so-very dignified seniors leave behind. We would ask them to remember that there are still brickbats to be thrown whenever . . . school spirit dwindles . . . school rules are broken . . . a Student Council election is a farce . . . the student newspaper fails you by coming out too late and too seldom.

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There comes a time for every student who clears a D- in all required subjects and struggles through enough electives to leave the shade of our old oak tree. That time approaches for the class of '63. It is not an ending. They call it a commencement.

Now we seniors scrape all of Miss Brown's and Mrs. Harden's study sheets from our lockers, discard the notebooks we can't sell, return our over-due books to Mrs. Howard, give away our collection of old passes, and visit Mr. Merrill one last time to have him tell us again that with a score of 5 on our ACT test, we cannot possibly be accepted by Podunk U.

When the tumult and the shouting dies, you will find that we leave little behind. We take with us a high school education, a near-necessity in today's world.

Something should be written here for the graduates—a word of inspiration? I cannot write it. Coming from this typewriter which is accustomed to words of criticism, it would only sound maudlin and trite. Forgive me.

No more flowers. No more bruises, because for "Bouquets and Brickbats" this is . . .

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It is the policy of the *Bear Facts* to report the news accurately and to interpret the news fairly.



## Commencement

Good byes are sad things. They are so final. A thing ends—the good and bad of it—and soon becomes just a blurred memory

Friends part with tears and enemies with a sigh of relief. Acquaintances just fade away. New friendships envelop old ones and hatreds are soon replaced.

Graduation ends a period. It is too late to do what was meant to be done; the time for doing it is over. A phase of life is finished.

But as with all endings, a beginning must follow. This will not be a dirge for all departing seniors . . . but a prayer. A prayer that each one will take his new beginning and do with it every wonderful and beautiful thing he's ever planned to do.

## VOTING AGE SATISFACTORY SAYS MAJORITY OF STUDENTS

Today there seems to be a great controversy over whether the legal voting age should be lowered or remain stationary.

Since high school students are the future voters, we took a poll to see how the THS students feel.

Twenty-eight per cent of the students polled thought the voting age should be lowered to 18. The common reason for most of this was "if a person is old enough to fight for his country, he's old enough to vote for her," Doug Bellis stated.

Only fourteen per cent of the students polled thought the voting age should be raised. The only reason for this seemed to be that it would give the voters more time to mature so that they could vote with more logic.

Fifty-eight per cent thought the voting age should stay the same.

Linda Grimes said, "Some people at twenty-one don't even know what's going on. If it (voting age) were lowered there's no telling what would happen to our country."

Larry Hibbler commented, "The voting age should stay the same, because people under twenty-one hardly know anything about politics. The elections would be a popularity vote and this wouldn't get the job filled properly."

This poll proves that there is still a varied opinion on this subject even

among high school students. The majority of the students seem to be of the opinion that the government is being run now with good leaders chosen by competent people of twenty-one years of age or more.

### Fires not funny

Only a few years ago many people were killed in fires because no safety precautions were taken beforehand to prepare them for these disasters.

Whenever a fire broke out in a large building or school, the people seemed to panic. They would all try to get out of the building as fast as they could, sometimes trampling and killing small children who otherwise wouldn't have been hurt.

Now all large business buildings, stores, and schools have fire drills to protect their employees and students from this disaster.

Many pupils in high school seem to think fire drills are a great deal of fun because you get out of class for them. But, they should be taken more seriously. Fire drills are for your safety. Therefore, why should there be anything funny about them. Get behind the officials of the school and fire department. Help them save your life.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR . . .

Dear Editor:

On the day of our last Student Council election we, the student body, were asked to stand and sing our National Anthem. I was thoroughly embarrassed to see the number of people in our assembly who did not know "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Each of us should take it upon ourselves to learn our national anthem and also the meaning of it!

Thank you,

A Very Embarrassed Student

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(WE JUST PUT THAT TO ATTRACT YOUR ATTENTION)

## Congratulations Junior Lettermen

The Juniors have been very prosperous this year with Red Lettermen and have produced many fine players in all the fields of sports.

The Junior lettermen in basketball were Tommy Kendall, Dennis Holcomb, Randy Walker, and Lonnie Minor.

The baseball lettermen are: Jerry Evans, Dwayne Archibald, and Randy Walker.

Skip Cannon, Warren Day, Mike Mysinger, Mike Riley, Dwayne Archibald, Jerry Davis, Steve Bodin, Harold Davis, Jay Smith, and Benny Tucker lettered in football.

Tommy Kendall lettered in tennis while Shep Park and Skip Laney lettered in golf.

The track lettermen were: Warren Day, Clifford Burrage, and Bill Barringer.

Last but not least are the swimming lettermen: Curtis Seay, O. K. Bryant, Bob Gribbin, Pete Clark, F. B. Marks, Jim Brock, Bo Lightfoot, and Don Raab.

## Personals

Summer vacation is almost here and many Juniors will be hitting the road for a visit to some far-away place. These are just a few places that will be visited by THS Juniors.

After returning from Gulf Shores, Netta Holley and Cherry Chancy will be on their way to San Francisco to see Netta's brother.

Martha Bennet is going to spend two weeks at Camp McDowell, while Carol Hughes will be hopping around the U. S. attending tennis tournaments.

Lucky Jan Disney will spend two months in Miami. Terria Wood is also planning a trip down Florida way.

Jimmy Adams will be attending a National Hi-Y Congress at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota.

Marilyn Northcutt is going to spend eight adventurous days camping out on the river.

Touring some Northeastern states will be Nancy Wright. Her trip will include New York City and Atlantic City.

But to the THS juniors a summer would not be complete without a trip to Panama City. See ya there!

## Juniors win honors

The Junior Class has brought many honors to THS in many ways. There are too many accomplishments made by THS Juniors to mention but these are just an example of the doings of the class.

Junior majorettes this year were Nan Taylor, Diane Watson, Shirley Davis, Marilyn Northcutt, Ann Winters, and Pat Roberts.

Junior cheerleaders were Connie Strickland, Kathleen Pritchett, Carolyn Reim and Netta Holley.

Those who received science fair honors were Tommy Guin, Warren Duncan, Frank Adams, Gene Scott, Richard Snow, Richard McCook, Joe Larry, Barry Still, Annette Walker, and Floyd Hosmer.

Juniors inducted into the Honor Society were Whitney Menning, Kay Jernigan, Katherine Doster, Ann Banks, Sandra Gleisburg, Ricky Winstead, Connie Strickland, Sally Kirk, Ronald Davis, Bob Pritchett, Kathleen Pritchett, Pam Butler, Anita

## Will take reins of Senior Class, 1963-64

The Senior Class of 1963-64 elected class officers recently and those chosen to lead the seniors are: president, Joel Latham; vice president, Tommy Wear; and secretary, Mary Tillotson.

The president-elect of the senior class is Joel Latham, known by all to be a "good guy". When Joel is not busy being "a good guy" he finds time to participate in a varied number of activities.

He is now president of the Mixed Chorus, a member of Governor Wallace's Youth Council, and a member of the Youth Legislature's Expansion Committee. Joel has served as homeroom president two years and as a member of the Student Council one year. Joel is also vice president-elect of the Hi-Y County Council and he is to serve as senior editor for the Black Warrior for next year.

When it comes to interests, Joel says he enjoys dancing and singing. Joel was certainly thankful and appreciative to the students who elected him to the post of president and he had his to say about winning the election: "Being elected President of the Senior Class is the greatest thing that has ever happened to me. I only hope I can give honor to the position."

Tommy Wear is the vice president-elect for the senior class for 1963-64. Tommy has served as president of Mrs. Van Tassel's homeroom for the past year and is also president-elect for the 1963-64 Black Bear Band.

Tommy's main interest include plane geometry, band, and all phases

### What I remember . . .

Dennis Holcomb—Mrs. Busby, but I'm trying to forget her.

Carol Copeland—Trying to put the talent show skit together.

Jimmy Adams—Governor Wallace's missing cigars.

Carol Hughes—Mrs. Clinton

Louellen Slack—Waiting for Jack Jackson.

Jan Disney—April 5th at 9:00.

Dale Christian—One date with Hank Herrod.

Jimmy Wilson—Mrs. Del Valle

B. J. Hall—My great triangle(s)

Skip Laney—the day I said "o. k."

twice to Mrs. Terry

Tommy Kendall—Working on the float

Louise Moody—Dating high school boys.

Carol Tatum—Sophomore boys

of music. Tommy adds that homework is definitely not one of his favorite activities.

On the subject of winning the election Tommy made this statement: "I was actually surprised to receive the nomination and when I won, I was really happy. I truly appreciate the chance to serve the students of the Senior Class."

Mary Tillotson, secretary-elect for the 1963-64 senior class has quite an interesting personality.

Mary enjoys music, almost any kind except hillbilly, especially Chopin, Debussy, and Peter, Paul and Mary. Mary also finds pleasure in eating dill pickles and reading "Peanuts". Mary lists her chief dislikes as hypocrisy and her true interest as people.

Although she has held many high offices and accomplished fine things

in practically all the fields she has ventured into, Mary won't admit she has really accomplished any of her goals. On this subject, Mary states: "I haven't accomplished any of my goals yet, but I am working and studying so that someday I may be able to reach them."

Mary says that her main goal in life is to work on or establish an unbiased literary publication, preferably originated in the South, which would present a true picture of the Southern view point.

As you can see by the facts presented in this article, the seniors-to-be certainly did a fine job in their choices of the people to lead them next year. We of Bear Facts are truly looking forward to watching these officers do the fine job we know they will do.

## JUNIORS DISPLAY TALENT

THS students, friends and supporters acted as the jury for the "Juniors On Trial" on April 19. This year's Junior Talent Show proved itself to be another success for this energetic class. The "jury" found the Juniors guilty of being very talented as they applauded the sixteen acts.

Serving as attorneys for the trial were Jay Smith, Student Council President-Elect, and Ginger "Big Moose" Willoughby. In the classic "Huntley-Brinkley" style the two introduced the various performers and added jokes of their own to help make the show an enjoyable one.

The annual project was under the direction of the Junior Class sponsors Mr. Vibbart, Mrs. Fines, and Mr. Blanchard, who were presented with gifts and flowers by the class at the end of the two-hour program.

Individuals included in the show were Beverly Hawley, Cathy Dent, Terria Wood, Kathy Sherer, Martha Bennett, Mary Williams, Jan Disney, Dianne Hodo, Beth Humphries, La-rene Lewis, Brenda Rhone, Laura Stringfellow, Ellen Lewis, Sharon Bagwell, Linda Smitherman, Cindy

Clayton, Barbara Summerlin, Joy Booth, Ann Winters, Dianne Watson, Marilyn Northcutt, Shirley Davis, Nan Taylor, Linda Armstrong, Gail Mizell, Pat White, Joel Latham, Bill Barringer, Bruce Jones, Wayne Baughman, Dennis Holcomb, Freddy Swanson, Johnny Townsend, Warren Day, Skip Cannon, Jimmy Wilson, Jan Disney, Kay Koepel, Dale Christian, Carol Hughes, Rosemary Rankin, Cheryl Hunter, Glenda Brewer, Bob Hopper, Joe Hearn, Eugene Poole, F. B. Marks, Bob Gribbin, Floyd Hosmer, Richard Rhone, William Allen, Dan McClusky, Jim LaMoreaux, Gary Mizell, Larry Beatus, Joe Wood, Tom Ashby, Walter Larson, Mary Williams, Terria Wood, Gene Henderson, B. J. Hall, Connie Strickland, Cherry Chancy, Netta Holly, Shep Park, Eddie Montgomery, Kathy Sherer, Skip Laney, Mary Mathews, Rickie Winstead, Nancy Haring, Alice Crume, Marcia Owens, Nancy Wright, Carol Copeland, Myrial Bridgers, Cheryl Reynolds, Sissy Herrod, Judy Waugh, Dianne Wurm, Emalyn Savage, Sandra Ray, Judy Green, and Ralph Hayden.



### Presentando a la Señora del Valle

Mrs. del Valle is a spicy tongued señora who likes everything to be done by the rules and always keeps her students in order. Mrs. del Valle originally came from Puerto Rico to Alabama in 1946. She studied at Northwest Missouri State Teachers College where she received her B.S. degree and then obtained her Masters from the University of Alabama.

She came to THS in 1954 and settled in room 211 and has been there ever since. Mrs. del Valle en-

joys teaching and describes her students as pleasant, kind, and understanding.

The wife of a U. of A. professor, Mrs. del Valle is interested in music, news, and politics, but only as an observer in politics. Due to her husband's new position at West Virginia University, THS will lose a fine teacher.

The halls of THS will not be the same without her.

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# Tuscaloosa High School Will and Testament

We the graduating seniors of THS being of sound mind and body do hereby make, publish and declare this to be our last will and testament. We bequeath our most treasured possessions to said persons listed below:

1. The heirloom cue-stick which Bill Alread received from Harry Hammonds is passed on to Cary Williams.
2. Karen Allen, Margo Buford, and Martha Essary leave Miss Brown's chorus music group on a sour note.
3. Billy Ball leaves the WEYC without a Grand Dragon.
4. Janet Welton will leave her mind if she can find it.
5. Bill Bowman leaves his bowling ball to Doc.
6. Mac Brown may stay with Susan Holaman so they can grow up together.
7. Gary Bird leaves his Wurm.
8. Diane Stansell leaves everything after a while—right Andy?
9. Merle Griffin and Kyra Lee Jones leave their track shoes to other boychasers.

10. Patti Hicks leaves her sincere smile to Toni Emmons.
11. Estes Hayes leaves a bird and a moose together in the halls of THS.
12. Alice LeMaistre leaves her complex to the POD classes for further analysis.
13. Diane Moore leaves to join the navy.
14. Fern, Nancy and the group leave their cancer sticks to the Soph. girls.
15. Danny Langford leaves trying to convince everybody that he's right.
16. Ken Kellum leaves his used absentee slips to next year's juniors.
17. John Armstrong leaves his talented ears to O. K. Bryant—providing he'll put the "Stud" to go with them.
18. Pettus Randall leaves his big moment in school politics and his "Thundering oratory" to Bob Hopper.
19. Marion Pierson and Sonny Hinton leave their athletic ability to next year's football team.
20. Mark Reynolds leaves trying to figure out who to ask.
21. David Reynolds leaves because the Trojans provided unbeatable competition.
22. Sammie Jean Ryan leaves her outstanding ability as a conversationalist to Laurence Lewis.
23. Sheila Terrill, Foss Smith and Edward Pickett, Esq., leave their mothers to haunt students forever and a day.
24. The entire Senior Class leaves Doc a new machine which automatically counts and sacks peanuts.
25. Ann Newman leaves for Scotland where she can wear her kilt in peace!
26. Nina Beth Parker and Carol Pennington leave their hairstyling tips to Vivian Weller and Marsha Singleton.
27. Billie Blair leaves with her big bouquet of brickbats.
28. Bill Shamblin leaves his Spanish accent to Mrs. Del Valle.
29. Cam Carty leaves her posture to Bette Bates.
30. Alice Ann Duncan leaves her poms-poms to Carolyn Reim.
31. Pete Foster leaves his walk to Tarzan.
32. Bobby Grant leaves his impression on the walls!
33. James Jones doesn't leave anything—not even THS.
34. Sammy Maze leaves Mrs. del Valle in tears.
35. Ann Seebeck leaves her barbells to Gene Scott.
36. Jim Ryerson had better leave before he is hung on a "sour apple tree."
37. The CKC's leave their monogrammed jacket to Mr. Gallman.
38. Hank Herrod leaves a helmet with a special nose guard to Mike Mysinger and hopes it works better this time.
39. Sarah "Coed" Hinton leaves silly THS for mature U. of A.
40. The Senior Class leaves all their classical book reports to the Cliff's Notes Co. as unsolicited testimonials.

## SENIOR CLASS PROPHESY

Mark: The year is 2010, the place is Port St. 'Loosa, a typical retirement village on the southwest coast of Florida. The occasion is a class of '63 reunion. Many of the members live in retirement in this P. C. for old timers, but a few of our class are still scattered over the globe. I have just come from Europe, and I am planning to settle down here and join the rest of you who live here, but first I want to hear what has been going on in the lives of my old classmates and I know that you want to hear about our friends who couldn't be with us tonight. Nancy Quinn Keller, who is still "Big Momma" to everybody is going to let me know a little about those of you who live here.

Mark: Well, Nancy I've seen a lot of old faces that I haven't seen in a long time but who was that gray-haired little old lady I saw over by the door?

Nancy: Oh, that must have been our famous spinster, Sally Johnson. She has had her troubles. It seems that Uncle Sam has always beaten her time as far as her fellows are concerned. However, she is here with her 25 senior rings, 6 letter sweaters, 5 lavalières, and 21 fraternity pens to keep her happy.

Mark: Oh, that reminds me guess who I saw in Tuscaloosa on my way down here?

Nancy: Who?

Mark: Sarah Hinton. She has just recently retired. For the past 37 years she has been a house mother at a U. of A. fraternity . . . She said that she was planning to be here but it seems that she is afraid of planes and didn't want to fly.

Nancy: Really?

Mark: Yes. You will never believe all the people that I saw in Tuscaloosa. Planning to retire from THS next month is Donna Daffron, she has been teaching a Progressive P.O.D. class there for the last 30 years. Foss Smith also retires next month from THS, he took his mother's place as Trig. teacher, and he didn't even have a college degree. It seems that he disproved all of Dr. Andre's theories.

Nancy: Well, you know we are just

straight across the peninsula from Cape Canaveral, where Mr. and Mrs. Bob Worthy, nee Margaret Lindsey, are joint heads of NASA.

Mark: That reminds me, I understand that General John S. Caldwell, who is now commanding cadets at West Point, and his wife Judy were unable to be here tonight, it seems that they had to stay home and take care of their grandchildren—6 sets of twins, so I hear!

Nancy: By the way, the former Estes Hayes is still rocking the cradle, but this time it's full of grandchildren, that is.

Mark: Yes, and Patty Dameron and Pat Hayes are still going steady—they've saved 20,000 dimes, but still don't have enough to get married.

Nancy, have you noticed how well some of our former classmates have done in the field of the arts?

Nancy: Yes, I certainly have. Right now we have two books on the best seller's lists. *The Light That Failed*, (second edition), by Joe Lee Hutt, is about his 5 years of complete darkness during his wife's illness. It seems that she lost her voice and her strong tongue of command. Then there's the widely acclaimed *What to Give Up for Lent*, by John Cruse.

Mark: What about the book recently published by some of your old friends?

Nancy: Oh yes, it's called *How to Live a Happy Teenage Life*. Various parts of the book were written by Nina Beth Parker, Cam Carty, Diane Harris, Fern Niehus, and Brantly Cochran. I wrote a preface and so far I haven't been criticized for it, as yet.

Mark: Yes, and Chris Curtis is a newspaper publisher. He has had his troubles though. It seems that he only got out two issues last year.

Nancy: We have a few of the group in New York City, so I hear.

Mark: Yes, Vence Rollins is starring in a re-make of the "Music Man," and Roy Harris, Abigail Toffel, Fred White, and John Hisey are still trying to make the Broadway stage. I hear they have all become excellent stage hands though.

Nancy: I had a letter from Didi Fletcher the other day, she is now an artist in Germany, and has an

assistant she calls Earl. Could it be? No . . . That reminds me, I hear that Danny Langford had to hock that picture of his wife Evelyn in order to keep her in hair spray.

Mark: Nancy, I hate to bring up bad news, but it seems that up in Gordo the Clothes Kut Cool Shop owned by Joe Barton and Joe Simon, famous for monogramming jackets, was destroyed before the reunion by a Patrick's Bakery truck. That's why they were unable to join us.

Nancy: Speaking of food Ronnie and Donnie Kyzer run our local grocery store down here, its known as Hill's Store. And Mark, since you have been in Europe we have had some of our graduates in high places.

Mark: Really?

Nancy: Yes, Mike Meadows is now president of the AFL-CIO, Becky Rhodes has become the first woman postmaster, and it is rumored that Senator Pettus Randall will run for president next year.

Mark: His campaign ought to be the biggest thing since the Kennedy's. Oh, guess who else I saw at the University of Alabama, Ken Kellum, Ph.D., now teaches a course on how to study up there. Joyce Tyler, Sarah Gay Edwards, Terese Taylor are the official U. of A. basketball score keepers, and Pete Foster who now coaches the swimming team, has recently been voted "King of the World" by his team, of course.

Nancy: Really? And I hear that Carol Curry, who is now an ultra-conservative lecturer was recently picketed at the University.

Mark: Speaking of lectures Jimmy Cobble is now on an around the world trip lecturing on how to be a non-conformist.

Nancy: You know Mark, some of our classmates are high in the sports world now, too. Pete Cavert is now coach of the Green Bay Packers. It seems that he never got married because he had such a hard time finding a date.

Mark: Sounds familiar.

Nancy: Cary Christian and David Miller were champion swimmers in their day, they now play life guard at our local pool, and John Pickens still engineers him around the tennis courts down here. Then there's Jane Adams and Diane

Stansell, both former race drivers. They both run used car lots, which are in stiff competition, and go-karts for the grandchildren.

Mark: That reminds me. One of the strangest undertakings of any of our classmates is that of Alice LeMaistre. She now raises Black Angus cattle on a luxury liner. She really combines business with pleasure.

Nancy: And Ann Seebeck has achieved in many fields. For a while she coached baseball pitching for Howard College's baseball team. She also recently made her debut at Carnegie Hall along with Marion Pearson.

Mark: Also in the field of music Sharon Reynolds is now an opera star in Italy, and Susan Woodley now sings with the Grand Ole Opry. Nancy, what ever happened to Bill Alread?

Nancy: Oh, he's still hangin' in there.

Mark: Nancy, have you got any social organizations down here.

Nancy: Yes, there have been quite a few organizations that have sprung up down here. For example: Bud Ball has the West End boys together and has formed a new Chapter of the W.E.Y.C. The new officers are Bud Ball, Eperial Wizard, Joe Smith, mayor, Mike Bingham, party chairman and my husband Hugh, is food chairman. They say he was a natural because of our large family.

Mark: Anthing else?

Nancy: Yes, BB is president of the American Society of Critico, her job is trying to think of more groups and individuals that she hasn't critized.

Nancy: By the way, Mark, in the field of medicine Pam Mitchell has achieved great fame as a medical technician, contrary to her high school chemistry teacher's way of thinking.

Mark: Yes, and Dr. Hank Herrod has achieved great fame as a plastic surgeon. It seems that he specializes in noses!

Nancy: In case you didn't know, there have really been some odd matches from our class. Gene Bush and Mary Emily Clarke, Carol Estes and Cy Howell, and I understand that Judy Smith Spenser

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Rebecca Wright



Billie Blair



Camella Canty



Sheila Terrill



John Candwell



Cary Christian



Joyce Tyler



Foss Smith



Nancy Quinn



Ann Newman



Ann Lee



Amelia Kyle



Carol Curry



Rebecca Ingram



Patti Hicks



John Pickens



Hank Herrod



Lawrence Woodley Hays



Estes Hayes

# Senior Circle of Honor

The seniors pictured above were chosen for the BEAR FACTS SENIOR CIRCLE OF HONOR, by vote of four or more faculty members of the

senior sections and editors of the Bear Facts. They were selected as representing the highest ideals of the Tuscaloosa Senior High School.

# Wonderful, outstanding, describe 1962-'63 Sophs

**Bear Facts** recognizes the 1962-63 Sophomores who have excelled at local or state levels. The are as follows:

Tom Patton—President of Sophomore Class

Mike Ford—Vice President of Sophomore Class

Lana Johnson—Secretary of Sophomore Class and Cheerleader

Margaret Whitfield—Spanish Senorita and Treasurer of Spanish I Club

Elizabeth Woollen—Latin Club Sweetheart

Beth Cowden—French Club Mademoiselle

Toni Emmons—Harvest Queen

Ashley Smith—Bear Facts Sweetheart

Gail Roberts—1st runnerup "Miss THS"

Joan Curry—winner of state Mythology Contest

Linda Grimes—State Latin Club Recording Secretary

Jackie Hatmaker—State Latin Club Chaplain and Chaplain of County Council

Linda Reid—Best-all-around girl

Charlie Flemming—Best-all-around boy

Lana Johnson—Most popular girl

Payne Wright—Most popular boy

Wayne Wright—Most Handsome

Linda Campbell—Most Beautiful

Ellen Boozer—selected majorette for next year

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watched "I've Got A Secret" for so long that she finally got up enough nerve to tell her secret.

Mark: And I hear that Carol Pennington and Mary Helen Roberts married brothers and live together, and that Ed Pickett was going to get married but then he forgot to go to his wedding, and that Mack Brown could never make up his mind between three girls.

Nancy: Yes, and you know we have two prominent ranchers, in our Dwain Winstead, and Doug Hollyhand. (That John Wayne Armstrong now runs a hankiechief factory) and that Ronnie Ezell owns a chain of Lamplighter Restaurants, and Jimmy Marlowe, Donnie Hannah, and James Jones now operate Play Boy Clubs.

Mark: No, but did you know that Sharon Foster is a Gordo housewife who lectures on religion and that Dora Jane Collins went to court to have her name changed, and that Becky Glenn and Martha Essary have composed the score for the latest Broadway musical.

Nancy: We really turned out to be some class, didn't we?

Mark: We surely did—Nancy, who is that gray-haired old buzzard over there who keep mumbling?

Nancy: Oh, that's just Gary Byrd. He's still trying to tell his joke—no one knows yet which one was tomato juice. Well, Mark, that only takes care of some of the people who live here, but believe it or not, I'm tired. What do you think? Are you going to stay with us?

Mark: Nancy you couldn't run me away now, but there is just one person that I must ask about, and that's Janet Welton.

Nancy: Well, Mark you remember Janet, she was scheduled to join us two years ago, but she hasn't arrived yet.

Martha Hastings—Majorette  
Patricia Marlowe—selected alternate majorette for next year

Bob Leigh—selected Vice President of Student Council for next year

Lynda O'Neil—Secretary of County Council

Lloyd Wagner—Sergeant of Arms of County Council

Mary Dana Pierce and Nancy Richardson—3rd place in Physics, Science Fair

Beth Caldwell—Secretary of Latin Club

Luis Ramiz—Vice President of Latin Club

Gaus Whitfield—Vice President of Spanish I Club

Karen Watts—Secretary of Spanish I Club

Ann Rhodes—Superior rating in Music Festival, Piano

Doug Bellis—1st county debate tournament and superior rating in debating

Cary Williams—set new school record in 100 yards freestyle Jerry Flummer and Christy Popp—All State Band

## Sophomore sports

These sophomores participated in sports this year at THS.

Football:

Pat Mysinger, Richard Corder, Dickie Davis, Ellery Spradley, Ronnie Wedgeworth, Payne and Wayne Wright, Al Kincaid, Mike Ford, Gerald Latham, Wallace Thompson, Courtney Trotter, Ky Kilgore, Jackie Oliver, Lambert Payne, Pete Orr, Johnny Lawrence, Roy Adams, and Jerry Earnest.

Basketball:

Al Kincaid, Gaius Whitfield, Greg Horn, Daniel Cummings, Don Krup, Jimmy Jenkins, Alan Goode, Robert Ratcliff, Ralph Sanders, Johnny Kirk, Larry Hibbler, Lambert Payne, Tom Patton, Bill Patton and Bill Hallmark.

Baseball:

Al Kincaid, Wayne and Payne Wright, Tommy Sexton, Jimmy Jenkins, Ky Kilgore, Mike Ward, Johnny Jacobs, Danny Beard, Bill Parder.

Track:

Jim Herman, Buddy Freeman, Glen Bowen, Jimmy Duren and Jim Bardon.

Swimming:

Bill Taylor, David Williams, Troy Allen, Jim Newman, and Cary Williams.

Golf:

Greg Lockard, Tom Patton, and Marty Van Tassel.

## Inventions and discoveries

Tooth Paste—Dr. West

A Growth Machine—Earl Compton

Slave Labor Plan—Mrs. Oglesby

A "smile"—Toni Emmons and Lana Johnson

Letter Sweater Getter—Carolyn Reim

Clocks with 80 seconds to the minute—boys dating sophomore girls

Happy Birthday Apparatus—Coach Tarleton

WTBC—Teens at Ten Tennis—John Pickens

Rattling—Mr. Go Bald

A "Flirt"—Judy Pugh

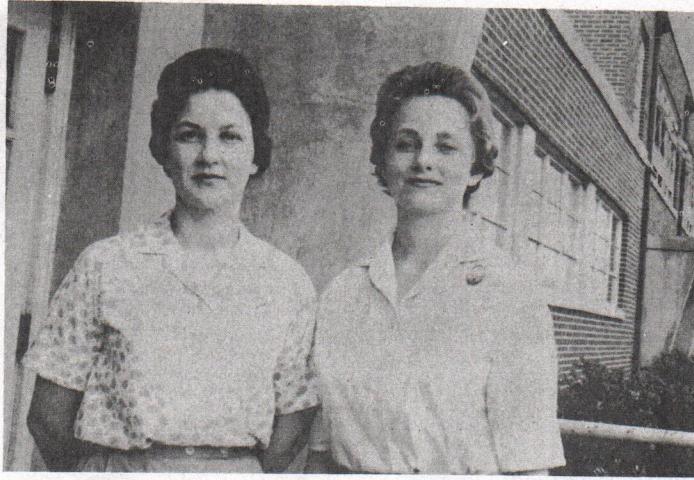
Personality Tree—Cam Canty

Telephone—Bell

30 inch Skirts—Mr. Gallman

Report cards—\*!\*!@\*\*

Historical Square Dancing—Mr. and Mrs. Clinton



Mrs. Patrick and Mrs. Booth tied for favorite sophomore teacher.

## Mrs. Betty Booth, Mrs. Charlene Patrick tie for favorite sophomore teacher of year

Wonderful, understanding, great, sweet, and friendly are just a few adjectives used by students to describe the favorite sophomore teachers, Mrs. Betty Booth and Mrs. Charlene Patrick who tied for the honor.

Mrs. Booth, Senior I English teacher, graduated from Tuscaloosa County High and the University of Alabama. As a high school student she won many honors. Among these were being elected secretary of the student body and Miss County High. She was also a member of the Honor Society and the band.

"As a County High graduate, I never thought I would be supporting the Bears. Now I feel I am a part

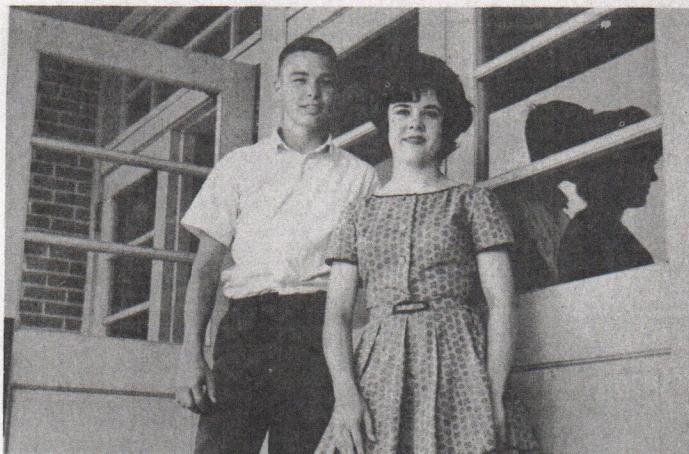
of this school and I love being here," Mrs. Booth remarked.

Mrs. Patrick, World History teacher, also graduated from Tuscaloosa County High and the University of Alabama. Mrs. Patrick also was a member of the Honor Society.

"I like to teach, but dislike students who don't like to learn," Mrs. Patrick answered about her likes and dislikes.

Mrs. Booth has been teaching here for three years, and Mrs. Patrick for six years. Both have sponsored several clubs and now both are sponsoring the Anchor Club.

Congratulations! Mrs. Booth and Mrs. Patrick.



Sophomore favorites, Bob Leigh and Lana Johnson.

## Favorite sophomore girl and boy chosen

Pretty, brainy, and skillful are three words that can identify our favorite sophomore girl, Lana Johnson.

Sixteen-year-old Lana has dark brown hair and greenish-brown eyes. She is at present one of our energetic cheerleaders.

The brainy Lana is the present Secretary of the Sophomore Class and the newly elected Secretary of next year's Junior Class. Lana is also V. P. of the Gamma Delta Tri-Hi-Y and V. P. of her homeroom. She belongs to the Spanish Club, Gymnastic team at the YMCA, Anchor Club, F. H. A., and Junior Leaders Club.

Not only is Lana an active member in school activities, but also an active member of the First Baptist Church, where she is president of her Sunday School class and program chairman of the Intermediate Training Union.

By popular vote Bob Leigh was chosen as Favorite Sophomore boy. He was born in New Orleans, Louisiana on July 3, 1947. He lives at 55 Cherokee Hills with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Leigh. To date he is 15 years old.

Bob can be seen walking down our halls with all his many books, just like the rest of us. His subjects are Latin II, Algebra II, Speech I, English, P.E. and Biology. He holds an overall B- average in all his subjects.

As a member of the Episcopal Church, he is very active in the Episcopal Youth Group. He also takes part in the Key Club and Latin Club.

The student body of THS recently elected him new vice-president of the Student Council and he was also elected vice-president of the Key Club.

Sports and girls are his main interests.

## MARION SMITH: SENIORS' CHOICE

All of the seniors who take and have taken trigonometry notice an increase or an abrupt cease of heart action as they pass room 224. As you look up, you see what may be the only thing understood the whole year: a sign above the door which reads, "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread!"

We believe that Mrs. Marion Smith, along with several more senior teachers, provides the best possible preparation for college work. The straight forwardness and thorough coverage of the course, with that "non-boring" speed, keeps just about everyone on his toes and interested. Although she is definitely a hard teacher, one couldn't expect to learn anything in a course like trig without having a forceful and enthusiastic instructor.

Besides being an outstanding teacher, her drive and persistence are evident in her children: Marion, a student at Agnes Scott, and Foss, a straight "A" student here at THS.

We are sure, as Seniors, that Mrs. Smith's guidance and friendliness will be of great value to us all. And we thank her.

## NO DIPLOMA BRINGS REGRETS

"Disappointment, are you kidding? Not being able to graduate with my class was the biggest disappointment of my life." This was a statement from a former Tuscaloosa High student when asked, "What was your reaction when you weren't permitted to graduate with your Senior class?" Compared to some reactions of similar cases, this statement was mild.

Four long, hard years of study have been spent by many pupils just for that one moment on graduation night. But unfortunately for some students, this moment will never materialize. For most there is, of course, only one reason for this, "I Flunked"! The fault, we would like to think, lies not only with the pupil, but perhaps with the teacher or parents. Still, the problem boils down to just one word, "failure".

Summer school, or perhaps another year of regular school may partially remedy the situation, but it can never take the place of receiving a diploma with the rest of one's own class!

To look at the practical viewpoint of the situation, there is still another problem. The non-graduating student will find it very tough securing a job, especially a "good" job.

But the situation isn't hopeless; many people who have failed have gone on to success. But this takes much more work, even more work than it would have taken to graduate. The statement, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure", could apply in the problem of non-graduates.

**Bear Facts Congratulates  
John Caldwell on his  
Appointment to  
West Point**



Mrs. Marion Smith, A Favorite Senior Teacher

## Youngest "Grad" in 1963

Robert Bagley, sixteen-year-old senior at THS has compiled an impressive . . . almost staggering . . . list of honors.

A member of the Honor Society, he was a Merit Scholarship finalist, first place winner of the Gorgas Scholarship, awarded first place for a project in physics, and first in competition at the state French Club convention.

One might think, from looking at the scholastic achievements, that Robert does nothing but study. This couldn't be further from the truth. He is a person of many and varied interests.

He is widely read and is conversant with the material which he reads. Bagley has the remarkable ability of making that information interesting to others. He is a witty conversationalist and a fine humorist, with a genuine interest in people.

Closely related to his reading is Bagley's work with oral interpretation and creative writing. He has an excellent voice and sings both in his church choir and in the Mixed Chorus at THS. He has won a superior rating

at the University for oral interpretation and is an outstanding debater. Bagley has written several short stories and humorous essays.

He has gained invaluable experience from living in many different areas in the United States. He has had to learn to adapt readily to new people and environments.

Born in Ann Arbor, Michigan, in 1947, Bagley has lived in Florida, Kentucky, Texas, California, New Mexico, Mississippi, and Alabama. He has accelerated two years in school and is the youngest member of the senior class.

As yet Robert isn't definite about the university he will attend. He has been accepted at Harvard and has applied for admission to Princeton. Regardless of the school he attends, his major will be either chemistry, physics, or math. He will work toward a doctorate in that field. Teaching and research work interest him at the moment as a career, and it is evident from his past performances that Bagley will be a credit to THS.

We are proud to claim him as our classmate.

## T.H.S. WILL MISS SENIOR BRUINS

Congratulations to all the rough, tough Seniors who braved their way through sports activities at THS during the past season.

The following seniors have participated in sports this year:

Swimming—David Miller and Mike Stevens;

Track — John Caldwell, Dwayne Winstead, Sonny Logan, Gary Walters and Paul Rose;

Baseball — Don Barksdale, Gary Byrd, Sammy Seals, Jackie Cooper and Ronnie Ezell;

Golf — Pete Cavert; Tennis—John Pickens, Joe Anders, Foss Smith and Bill Shamblin;

Basketball — John Pickens, Bill Alread, Earl Compton, Doug Hollyhand, Hank Herrod and Jim Marlowe;

Football — Ted Williams, William Averette, Sonny Logan, John Caldwell, Hank Herrod, Jim Marlowe, Dwayne Winstead, Mack Brown, George Styles, Pete Cavert, Don Hallmark, John W. Armstrong, Gary Byrd, Don Barksdale, Gary Walters, Bill Brock, Ray McCracken and Joe Simon.

Any senior whose name was omitted can add his name below.

## WHERE WILL ALL THE SENIORS GO?

What university or college will you attend? What will you major in? What will you do when you finish college? These questions were asked some of our seniors.

"I plan to go either to Princeton or Harvard! I have already been accepted at Harvard. I will get my major in either chemistry, physics, or math. When I finish I plan to do research or teach." — Robert Bagley.

"I'm going to the University of Alabama where I'm going to major in Elementary Education and minor in Spanish. When I'm through, I plan to teach." — Ann Richardson.

"I'm going to Judson, I guess, because my sister went there. She told me I'd like it. I'm going to major in, and then teach, history." — Becky Rhodes.

"I'm going to the University of Alabama where I'll major in math. I'll probably teach it." — Margaret Lindsey.

"I'll go either to the University of Alabama or the University of Tennessee for Pre-Med. Then I'll go to the University of Pennsylvania for Medical School." — Bill Brock.

"I'll go to Judson on the scholarship I won and major in sociology or music. I'll either teach or be a psychiatrist." — Karen Allen.

When the last senior was questioned, this conversation resulted:

"What university are you planning to go to?"

"University of Alabama, I guess. Why?"

"What will you major in?"

"History, but what do you want to know for?"

"What will you do when you finish?"

"I don't know, but I do know that if you don't tell me why you're asking all these questions . . . you're going to think university!"

"It's going to be in a story in the Senior Issue of BEAR FACTS."

"Oh! I'm sorry but you're not going to put my name in BEAR FACTS!"

Good luck to all the Seniors from B. F., whether you let us use your name or not!

## Senior Day: At Least No Rain

April 26th, was Senior Day at Tuscaloosa High School. This was the annual one day vacation set aside for the seniors. Here is what some of them did with their day.

Bob Mantel, Rebecca Ingram, Pat Hayes, Patty Dameron, Amelia Kyle, and Ronald Kyzer went on a boat trip to Moundville.

Joe Anders, Bill Scott, and Al

Mather shot snakes.

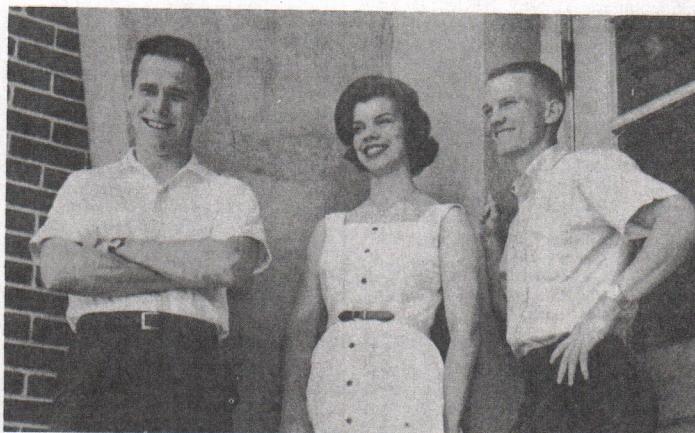
Hank Herrod went to a Student Council convention.

Bud Ball, Hugh Keller, Mike Birmingham, Ray McCracken and several others went skiing on the river.

Barney Boeder wouldn't say.

Jan McMinn slept.

John Caldwell and Judy Nisbet went to Lake Nicol.



Senior Class officers: Randall, Caldwell, and Newman.

# Bears thump Lanier

Behind the strong five-hit pitching of senior hurler Don Barksdale, a right-hander, the Black Bears of Tuscaloosa won their opening game of the season by defeating Sidney Lanier of Montgomery by a 4-2 count.

Dennis Stanard, junior first sacker, connected for a double in the bottom of the seventh inning to drive home the Bears' winning tally. Other hitters for the Bruins included centerfield Ky Kilgore with two singles, Jerry Evans, junior second baseman, sophomore catcher Al Kincaid, and rightfield Tommy Sexton with one base-knock apiece.

The game was played on the newly remodeled field behind the school. A new backstop and bleachers are added facilities for the new field. The baseball boys did much of the work to improve the field, long in need of such aid.

**1963 Baseball Roster:**  
Head Coach—Bill Henderson  
Catchers — Gary Byrd, Al Kincaid, Wayne Wright, and Danny Beard  
Pitchers — Don Barksdale, Sammy Seals, Dwayne Archibald, and Jackie Cooper  
Third Base—Benny Tucker and Randy Walker  
Shortstop—Jim Vinson and Ronnie Ezell  
Second Base — Jerry Evans, Payne Wright, John Caldwell, and Albert Holman  
First Base — Dennis Stanard, and Jimmy Boteller  
Outfielders — Charles Tubbs, Phil Billings, Tommy Sexton, Ky Kilgore, Johnny Townsend, and Johnny Jacobs  
Although not all of these boys will travel, they are the ones expected to carry most of the load for the 1963 Tuscaloosa Black Bear baseball team and BEAR FACTS wishes the Bears best of luck!

## SIDELINE SHORTS

by  
Bob Hopper



### BASEBALL

The Black Bear baseball team has taken a turn for the good. They've started out on the winning side. The Bruins beat Lanier 4-3 in their first outing and walloped county-champs 6-0, on a two-hitter by Dwayne Archibald. The Bears lost one to the 'Cats, but made up for it.

Don Barksdale got the Bears their first win, allowing the Poets only 5 hits. This is another one of Don's fine performances such as those he has turned out in his four-year high school career.

Archibald's two-hitter is the best performance of the season for any pitcher in the county. Dwayne's a junior and will be back next year hurling for Coach Henderson's Black Bear team.

Benny Tucker hit the Bear's first homer of the season against TCHS in a 6-2 losing cause.

Dennis Stanard is the leading batter on the team. He knocked in the winning run against Sidney Lanier and has hit safely in all the games played by the Bears. Dennis receives Player-of-the-Month award from the BF staff. Congratulations to you, too, Beth!

Sophomore Tommy Sexton is also hitting at a good cool pace.

### TRACK

The track team is looking to the state meet at Auburn coming up soon. They finished second last year and would like to take top honors this year. Seniors John Caldwell and Bob Shamblin have carried a great load along with Bill Barringer, Jim Herman, Wayne Porter, Clifford Burridge, Glen Bowen, Buddy Freeman and Warren Day. Good luck to the tracksters and Coach Danner.

### GOLF

The golf team started off their year with a bang but got bogged down when they took on state champion R. E. Lee. The state championship is past now and most of the golfers are looking ahead to the summer tour. Skip Laney seems to have the best chance of making

good among the THS linksmen. Good luck to all you G-ballers, including Tom Ashby.

### TENNIS

The tennis team is trying to accomplish a grand slam by sweeping all divisions and as it looks they will get it. John Pickens and Tommy Kendall are two of the best in the state and should show up well. We have confidence in our No. 1 tennis team and we are sure they will win. Congratulations!

### BASKETBALL

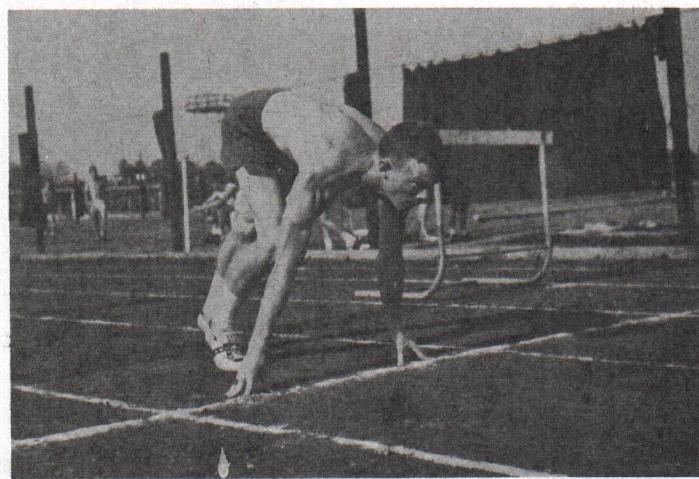
One of the most deserving boys we of Bear Facts know of is a member of the Tuscaloosa basketball team. He has served admirably as the sweetheart of the fans due to his antics on the court. Actually, Dennis does not try to be funny on the court during games, but his natural personality simply seems to carry over to his basketball game.

Seriously, Dennis "Hands" Holcomb is a fine basketball player and he is one of the ones lucky enough to have what is known as "color" that makes the fans watching the game enjoy it to a fuller extent.

Certainly the basketball fans of Tuscaloosa are looking forward to seeing Dennis and his teammates uphold the reputation that Tuscaloosa's basketball teams have built up during the past few years.



Baseballers get in shape for what proved to be a fine season.



Ace sprinter and "cadet," John Caldwell prepares to run the low hurdles.

## Thin clads show promise

Judging from the new trophies in the showcase, track must be underway again. As usual, the team is having a fine season.

The credit for this goes to Coach Danner and the boys. Although they may not get as much glory as the football and basketball stars, the cindermen work just as hard and are even said by some to be in better shape. The boys on this year's team and their events are: John Caldwell (440 relay, 440 dash, 880 relay, and

mile relay); Warren Day (220 dash, 440 dash, 440 relay, and mile relay); Clifford Burridge (440 dash, 880 run, and mil relay); Wayne Porter (880, 100, 440, 440 relay, and mile relay); Bill Barringer (mile and 880); Jim Herman (440 and high jump); Sonny Logan (shot and discus); Dwayne Winstead (broad jump and high jump); Buddy Freeman, (100, 220, 440, and 440 relay); Ted Williams (shot and discus); and Gary Walters (broad jump and high jump).

So far these boys have visited the Montgomery Invitational, Coliseum Relays, the Alabama Relays, and the Confederate Conference Meet in which they placed third. Still on tap are the District Meet, the Dixie Prep Relays, and the Howard College Invitational.

Though the team has done well thus far they are capable of better things. The future looks bright for the THS track team and they are confident that it will be as bright as it looks.

## Wildcats drop Loosa

The Bears of Tuscaloosa met the Wildcats of County High, across the river enemies, Friday, April 19, on the County High field and took their first loss of the season by a 6-2 score.

Southpaw Sammy Seals started on the mound for the Bears and was touched for two runs before senior right-hander Jackie Cooper took over pitching duties. The strong pitching of Bill Poole, of County High, led County High to their victory. Errors were costly to the Bears, as they cost the Tuscaloosa team several runs.

Benny Tucker, junior third sacker belted a two run homer to centerfield and outfielder Johnny Jacobs collected two singles for the only Bruin scores of the day. Tuscaloosa's record is now 1-1, the victory being over Lanier earlier in the year.

## Linksmen fight on

The members of the Tuscaloosa Golf Team began the year with a fine showing. The linksters beat undefeated Marion Institute and Shades Valley. They lost twice to last year's state champions, Lee, and to Lanier and Gadsden, making it a 2-4 record.

The team members are Shep Park, Skip Laney, Tom Patton, and Greg Lockard. Alternates are Pete Caver, Marty Van Tassel, and Bob Hopper.

All will probably play in tournaments around the state this summer to stay in shape for next year. Pete is the only graduating senior, so they are expecting a big year next year.

For the moment they are working up to the state tournament May 2 at the Birmingham Country Club.

## John Pickens, everyone's number one

Tennis standout John Pickens has announced he will attend Rice Institute next year on a full tennis scholarship.

The Houston, Texas, college has been after Pickens for a long time, as have many colleges.

John has also been approached by many schools to play basketball for them. He was selected the Most Valuable Player of the class "AA" basketball tournament in March.

Pickens has been Captain of the Tennis team at THS for four years lettering each year. He is currently rated as the top singular player in the state in the Junior division and is top ranked in the mens bracket also. U. S. Lawn Tennis Magazine has named him tenth top junior tennis player in the Nation.

John will hit the tournament trail this summer and start at Rice in September.