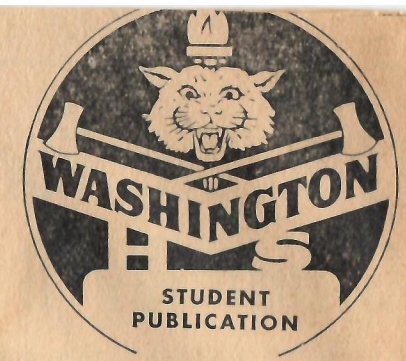


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Neill Attends Convention

From February 28 to March 5, our principal at WHS, Mr. H. D. Neill, spent his time in San Francisco, California, attending the convention for the National Association of Secondary Principals.

Mr. Neill flew to San Francisco with other high school principals in the Kansas City area, and stayed at the Hilton Inn in downtown San Francisco.

The national conventions are held each year in various cities throughout the country. Early in January, Mr. Neill also attended the state convention held in Wichita, Kansas.

At the meetings he attended in San Francisco, Mr. Neill had the opportunity to listen to Senator Edward Brooke of Massachusetts and Mr. Price Cobbs, who is a consulting psychiatrist at the California Medical Center and co-author of "Black Rage."

On one of the five days spent in San Francisco, Mr. Neill visited the El Camino High School with an enrollment of 1200 students. Mr. Neill stated: "The students at El Camino are certainly not ahead of us in education. Also, the student body here at Washington is a much

Cast Chosen

The cast for the 1969 Spring play "Arsenic and Old Lace" has been chosen and rehearsals are now underway.

The cast consists of the follow-

finer looking group of young Americans than any I ever saw in California."

"Even though California, especially San Francisco, is a beautiful state and city, I am glad to be from Kansas and happy that WHS is the school that I'm associated with," he also commented.

Interesting places that Mr. Neill visited were Fisherman's Wharf, the University of California at Berkeley, Chinatown and the Golden Gate Bridge, among others. He felt that the convention was both enjoyable and educational.

Junior-Senior Prom Plans Enter Final Stages As April 26 Nears

Saturday, April 26, has been set as the date for the Junior-Senior Prom sponsored by the junior class.

Several committee chairmen have been busily at work the past few months preparing for the affair. The chairmen and their committees are: Melinda Finnema, wall committee; Liz Beckett, ceiling; Jenee Vickers and Martie Snyder, floor; Janet Altenhooven, food; Cathy Placke, balcony; Janet Lane, publicity; Denise Smithor-

Cross-Lines Executive Director Presents Y-Teen Program, Calls for Volunteers to Aid with Special Inter-City Problems

After being a hobo, a paratrooper, and a burglar, Reverend Donald C. Bakely now holds a Masters of Sacred Theology and is the executive director of Cross-Lines.

In presenting a program to the March 20 gathering of Y-Teens Reverend Bakely showed slides describing slum conditions that actually persist in the southern Wyandotte county area of Armourdale, Rosedale and Greystone Heights. He also told a little of his past history.

A meeting of all committee chairmen was held March 19, after school, in which the chairmen gave their reports of progress.

Most of the plans such as the theme and the band have to be kept secret. The wall committee is in charge of covering the east wall and the bleachers.

Liz Beckett reported that parachutes are going to be used again for the ceiling, but it will be fixed differently than last year.

Being a minister 20 years, Reverend Bakely spent 16 of these years in a church located in the middle of New Jersey slum. The membership was built up by 500 people while he was there.

He spoke of the street gangs, such as the Pythons and the Hoods which took him into confidence. There were also the skid row bums which could be found all over the neighborhood. Rev. Bakely spoke humorously of the alcoholics. He said, "They weren't always singing the same songs we were, but we picked up quite a few new hymns when they came to church."

At the age of 14, Don Bakely, along with his brother, was given a one year sentence for burglary.

Students To See Fashion Show

Home economics students from WHS will attend the 1969 Hospitality Day at Kansas State University, April 11 and 12.

Included in the program is a fashion show, a barbecue luncheon, and a tour of residence halls

Later on in high school, after he had had several run-ins with the law, he was kicked out of school on graduation day his senior year. Pertaining to this Rev. Bakely replied, "When I got home my father said the two words that were to guide me for the rest of my life, 'Get Out'."

From there he joined the paratroopers. After his release from the service, he then became a hobo and had the "best time of his life" touring the country. After this he went to school to study theology.

Cross-Lines works with the poverty stricken people of the inner city. Its main goal is to help other help themselves.

Rev. Bakely said that most of the people in Kansas City don't realize that people live as poorly as can be found near Armourdale and Rosedale. One family had no heat or light except for what heat they got from their trash barrel which is kept inside the home.

Cross-Lines has been in operation for four years now. During this time, hundreds of people have been helped. This couldn't have been done though, without the

ing persons: Abby Brewster, Joy Shriver; Rev. Harper, Don Shuler; Teddy Brewster, Clinton Powell; Officer Brophy, Tim Martin; Officer Klein, Bob Parrish; Martha Brewster, Joyce Bishop; Elaine Harper, Sandy Miller; Mortimer Brewster, Stephen Mendon; Mr. Gibbs, Dan Nelson; Jonathan, David Cox; Dr. Einstein, Connie Child; Officer O'Hara, Stephen Stach; Lieutenant Rooney, Dennis Moss; and Mr. Witherspoon, Mike Chiddix.

The director is drama instructor, Mrs. Judy Keene, student director is Dan Nelson, sophomore, technical director is Mr. Tom Curtley, Art instructor and stage manager is Lisa Ross, senior.

"Arsenic and Old Lace" is a comedy about a family named the Brewsters. Every member is insane in one way or another. Martha and Abby Brewster are two nice old ladies who cannot stand to see anyone unhappy so feel that if they can make someone happy then **they** will be happy too.

Martha and Abby take in boarders who are offered elderberry wine if they even look unhappy. Unfortunately for the drinker, the wine has arsenic in it. Eighteen unhappy elderberry wine lovers end up in the Brewsters cellar.

Teddy Brewster, brother of Martha and Abby has a small problem of his own. He thinks he is Teddy Roosevelt and the stairs in the house symbolize San Juan Hill. Also a member of the group, Mortimer, is the only sane person in the family but still with problems. Mortimer, a theater critic, is in love with Elaine Harper. Elaine's father is a minister who wants no one in his family to have anything to do with the theatre or anyone connected with it.

entrance; and Connie Corbett, band and bandstand. Junior class president is Rex Morgan. The above students are all juniors.

Student Teachers Enjoy Washington

"I like Washington, but I still get lost," replied Miss Patricia Nelson, student teacher. She is practice teaching in two of Miss Virginia Mauldin's junior English classes and two hours with Mr. Michael Meare's psychology students.

Miss Nelson is completing her bachelor's degree in education with a major in English and psychology from Kansas State Teacher's College of Emporia. A native of Kansas City, she attended Wyandotte high school and Kansas City, Kansas Junior College before transferring to K.S.T.C.

Miss Patricia Duffy, also from K.S.T.C. of Emporia, is student teaching to complete her Master's degree in science and Education. She will teach and observe two of Mr. Thomas Beate's senior English classes and two hours with Mr. Gerald Heidrich's English juniors.

Miss Duffy commented, "I like a big school. The teachers have been very helpful and friendly." She plans to teach high school English. Miss Duffy is a native of Omaha, Nebraska. She has a Bachelor's degree with a major in English from Creighton University in Omaha.

Both teachers expressed their desire to get to know more students. They will practice teach for approximately nine weeks.

The floor committee has decided to rent the center floor decorations after concluding that it would be too difficult to construct them.

The food this year is not going to be elaborate as last year and there isn't going to be as much. Last year there was too much food left over.

The band has been chosen, Connie Corbett reported, and construction on the bandstand has started.

This year's prom has an excellent and original theme and it should prove to be worth all the time, energy and money that is going into it.

Boys Get To Learn About State Politics

1969 Boy's State, sponsored each year by the American Legion, will hold this year's session from June 1 to June 7. Boy's State is basically a government-in-action program. When the boys arrive at the camp on Sunday, they purchase their Boy's State tee shirts and are assigned to a room, city, county, and a political party.

On the following Monday they file for offices of city and state officials. Next the elections are held to choose the administrators. The boys who have been elected get to meet their real-life counterparts.

The week winds up with the Governor's Ball where both the Kansas state governor and the Boy's State governor attending.

Washington High School can send five boys to Kansas Boy's State. For further information contact Mr. James Forwalder, wood-working teacher.

at KSU. The purpose of the program is to give the students an appreciation of home economics as a many-faceted career.

About 5,000 high school girls from Kansas will attend the annual Hospitality Day which has been named "Dynamic Dimensions Today." Exhibits in Justin Hall will open Friday, April 11 from 1 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, April 12, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m.

Exhibits will include displays from each department in home economics. Exhibits from journalism to foods research will prove that home economics has much to offer. For the first time this year, Hospitality Day will be in conjunction with the All-University Open House which will feature open houses of many of the colleges at KSU.

Plaster Brings 'Relief' to Art

A shoe box, a plastic bag, clay and plaster bring relief—at least the kind of relief Miss Nancy Lesseig's 6th hour Art I class is concerned with.

Reliefs are plaster moldings with raised and depressed areas.

To make the reliefs first the students lined a box with a plastic bag to keep the clay moist. Then they put a layer of clay in the box. Using their hands or tools, they made a design in the clay. After the clay had been molded the desired form, plaster was poured over it. The plaster was allowed to harden on the clay, then the plaster was washed off,

cooperation of hundreds of people. Reverend Bakely said that approximately 200 volunteers a week to help supervise the various centers around the city. Adult education classes, trade corps, child care centers, camps and teen centers are just a few of the projects undertaken by Cross-Lines.

The food supply is down to a bare minimum. Donations of canned goods will be gladly accepted. To do so contact Reverend Don Anderson at MA 1-3448 or AD 6-6688.

Volunteers are also needed for this summer and more will be needed next fall when the home help program starts again. If you are willing and would like to give your time and talents contact the Cross-Lines office, 902 Southwest Blvd., Kansas City, Kansas 66103, HE 2-5497.

the edges were filed, and the students painted them.

Miss Lesseig observed that the biggest problem her students had with the reliefs was to remember that the finished product was just the opposite of the clay mold. The depressions in the clay would be raised areas in the plaster and vice-versa.

Art I is going to start on hippie jewelry next. They will make beads, pins, and peace symbols out of clay.

Miss Lesseig commented, "You can use the reliefs as either wall hangings or on the counter as a decoration."

'Facelift' For Kansas City, Kansas Gradually Builds Up New Image

by Elaine Grantham and Mike Lewis

From the 1903 building of dikes along the Kaw River for flood protection to the \$19 million Center City urban renewal project, Kansas City, Kansas has been undergoing a gradual but consistent "facelift." A major step will be the construction of a new Health Department building, which will be underway by July 1. The ultimate goal is a new image for "The Avenue" which will be designed with the people in mind and will include trees, benches, art displays, and a public square with textured pavement and a sculptured fountain.

The last 15 years have seen approximately \$30 million invested in city improvements. These included the building of Chelsea Trafficway, Armourdale industrial park and the Argentine Heights apartment project. A 1968 election approved the use of \$15 million worth of bonds for further developments. The major portion of this money will go for the widening of Parallel, the cleaning of Jersey Creek and the building of parks and swimming pools in the southern and western parts of Kansas City.

Perhaps one of the most important tools in getting public improvements built is the Public Building Commission. The commission, which was formed in 1968 by a special amendment to the state constitution, has the power to construct buildings or buy property without holding a bond election. When the city wishes to acquire a tract of land or a building, the building commission, besides the necessary bonds, buys the land, takes the bids, hires the contractor and assumes ownership of the finished building. By using the building commission, the city has a definite amount to pay. If it had to issue its own bonds, variables over the period of time in which the city would have to pay them off could cause a distinct rise in price. Thus the commission pays back the buyers and

city pays only a set rental fee to the commission.

City planners, as well as giving the people a better place to spend their money, also intend to give them a better place to spend their time. Parks, pools and recreation areas are to be built in the city, some with federal urban renewal funds. Others, such as the two public pools planned for the annexed area of K. C. will be constructed with the 1968 bond money. A new recreation center has already been opened in Rosedale and next spring will see the opening in Parkwood of the first public swimming pool in thirty years.

The building of a new municipal building, a city-county health building, and the construction of double-deck parking facilities will begin the Center City renovation. These will be the first projects undertaken by the Public Building Commission. The end product will be a new face for downtown Kansas City, designed for the shoppers. Colorful textured pavement, trees, community bulletin boards, and sculptured benches will replace the drab concrete sidewalks with poles and traffic lights the sole ornamentation. "The Avenue" will feature a semi-mall with pedestrians taking precedence over the automobile. Shoppers will be able to enjoy being in their downtown and the community will be able to take pride in its Center City. Kansas City's "facelift" will reveal a compact downtown, beautifully landscaped and designed for convenience as well as pleasure.

These developments will take time. They are designed to change the image and outlook of Kansas City, Kansas.

The attitude of the city leaders was summed up by Mayor Joseph McDowell in his speech to the real estate board, January 31 of this year.

"This is no time to be second rate, there is no place for minds that stand still or for those who resist change."

'Educational' Offers Mislead Some Graduating Seniors

"There's only one opening left and you have made a high score on the admittance exam. Sign on the dotted line and your worries about your future are over."

Many seniors have received literature through the mail indicating after-graduate training. Although many of the schools and programs are reputable, some are not. How does one know if he's going to lose over a thousand dollars and waste his time on a course which doesn't really measure up to its advertisements?

The literature may concern data processing, medical and legal secretarial training, dental assistants, hairdressing schools, cosmetology, receptionists, airline hostesses, or computer programming.

These schools not only want you, but your money too. They often send representatives with a contract to interview the student. Once the individual signs the contract, he's usually bound to it.

Our counselors can help answer or check into your questions about various programs. They often are aware if the course is accredited. The counselors know of mistakes of others, but usually hear of cases after it is too late.

The tuition and costs of these programs usually amount to several hundred dollars. Many students aren't aware of the opportunities available at the area vocational schools and local junior community colleges.

The tuition for a Kansas resident at junior college is \$4 per semester hour for those carrying 12 hours or more and \$5 having 11 hours or less. The Kansas City, Kansas Community Junior College offers courses in data processing, secretarial and pre-dental training, computer programming, and other subjects which give job training.

The Kansas City, Kansas Area Vocational Technical (Vo-tech) School is part of a national program instituted in 1967. The government and the school board share the operating costs. Tuition is free to high school seniors in this district. Post-graduates pay \$100 per school year.

The school offers a cosmetology course which prepares the student for the state board exams. There are several programs offered by private companies which offer

Overheards

Some of the comments heard around Washington leave the person who overheard the conversation wondering. Did you say this?

"May I go to the restroom and wash the glass out of my lense?"

"Ho, Ho, Ho . . . Green Grian!"

"What do you use to keep your hose up—suspenders?"

"Of course I believe in fairies!"

"What did he say when you asked him to the Twirp dance?"

"He's leaving town."

"Nothing like the smell of fresh hamsters."

"I'm not asking you to go steady—just co-operate!"

"Wait a minute! I'll write you a napkin."

"He's another one of those 'Mrs.' teachers you never can find."

"Happy Half-Birthday!"

"My garter came undone and I'm walking around with saggy

Spring Revitalizes World

When spring suddenly bursts into life, all nature becomes something everyone and everything wants to touch, feel, and be a very large part of. However, spring is not something man has seen, Known, or understood as being very important to the constant revitalization of that which is natural.

In a tiny, busy, never-tiring worker of the soil, one can see more of spring than can ever be written, read, or drawn. Just to imagine what such small insignificant insect can accomplish in less than an hour makes a man marvel and admit that even he is less a poet of nature.

It makes man sad that he can never be as great as a tiny insect, which can create several times more than he has destroyed in his lifetime.

However, spring is not a time for depression. Just knowing that so many beautiful life-forms are capable of creation without destruction makes man realize that there is still hope that one day

Perhaps many will learn the beauty of a blossom as it changes from a dew-frosted bud into a fully released portion of living vitality, and then as it returns to the earth which originally gave it its debut.

Maybe man will grasp the knowledge of microscopic animals. If man finally becomes something real and creates something real that every living thing wants to be a vital portion of, then probably man's proof that he does exist will equal the power of the wings that carry millions of birds homeward every spring. Man's contribution, not to society, but to that which is natural, will finally be registered in the annals the Mother engraves on the bosom of one mass of clay rotating in a system of millions of other masses.

In the distant future, man will learn truly what life is about. Possibly, he will begin to see and understand nature and what is naturally beautiful without needing to add any prescribed medicated mask.

'Idiot Box' Presents New Fare

Students! Glue your eyes to the nearest idiot box and find out what you'll be viewing next season (instead of doing your biology, American history, or PAD naturally).

Unfortunately, someone's favorite program always gets cancelled. Among these are: Star Trek, Peyton Place, Big Valley, Judd, N.Y. P.D., Guns of Will Sonnet, That's Life, and The Outcasts.

Also, The Avengers, Wild, Wild West (too much violence), Jonathan Winters, The Queen and I, Gentle Ben, and Gomer Pyle will be dropped.

Many programs dropped by one network have been picked up by another. Two such programs are The Ghost and Mrs. Muir, and Get Smart.

Among the new shows announced by ABC are The New People, The Survivors, Love American Style, The Courtship of Eddie's Father, Room 222, Bran-

dy's Brunch, Mr. Deeds, and Marcus Welby, M.D.

Mr. Deeds is a small town man who after inheriting a large corporation, sets out to do good.

Some of the new programs from NBC are The Now People, The Bill Cosby Show, My World and Welcome To It. The Debbie Reynolds Show, And Then Came Bronson, and Bracken's World.

The Now People consists of three dramatic programs combined into one production.

Bill Cosby will portray a high school gym teacher and a private investigator on his own show.

My World and Welcome To It is about James Thurber, his cartoons, and his family.

The Debbie Reynolds Show transforms Debbie Reynolds into a suburban housewife.

Bracken's World tells the behind-the-scene story of movie making.

The Kansas State Future Business Leaders of America convention was held at Kansas State Teachers College in Emporia, Kansas, Thursday and Friday, March 20 and 21.

Elections were held for next year's state officers. The new officers are: president, John Holt; vice president, Richard Gilbert; recording secretary, Janis Tedstrom; corresponding secretary, Carole Stepanek; treasurer, Brett Balkenhol; and historian, Clarence Saunders. Washington junior, Linda Ogburn, ran for vice president but was unsuccessful.

After the election of state officers the election was held for regional vice president. Washington's Robert Shively, junior, ran for Region 1 vice president and was successful.

In the Business Fair competition the following people received awards: Becky Allen, and Terri McKenzie: beginning bookkeeping, both taking first place. Receiving honorable mention for bookkeeping were Beverly Delladio, Carol Fireoved, Norma Goss, and Charles Taylor. Winning second place for beginning shorthand were Karen Groves, and Donna Wheeler. First place for advanced shorthand was won by Judy Ragan and second place went to Colleen Isabell.

The FBLA contest winners from Washington High School are as follows: first place in the largest chapter membership, third place in the original project, second place in the largest attendance at the convention (based on mileage), third place tie in chapter exhibit. Dan Crum, senior, was in a three way tie for third place for Mr. Future Business Leader. Joyce Bishop, senior, was also involved in a three way tie for third place for Miss Future Business Leader. Third place in the spelling relays went to the team consisting of Teresa Burch, Donna Wheeler, and Cathy Moon. Second place in public speaking went to Jane Gushee,

"King Louie Who-ie?"

"My bop needs backing — my back needs bopping? Now wait a minute!"

"Salt and shaker peppers."

"The more you know—the more you don't know—you know?"

"If any of you are missing . . ."

"I'm going to come sing for your band 'cause I heard that they aren't very good."

"He said tomorrow that we're going to turn them in yesterday."

and third place in advanced bookkeeping to Kathy Reddick. Third place in general business went to Amy Numer, second place in business mathematics to Joy Wiley, first place in general clerical to Mary Ann Acinger, and first place in current events to Ron Storey, Valarie Biscanin, and Ellen Brewood. Third place in the essay contest was won by Theresa Burch, and first place in business law went to Kathy Reddick. First place in data processing went to Bob Shively.

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Graduation Gown Originates Early

Our use of the cap and gown at graduation from school, college or university can be traced to the fact that the halls of medieval buildings were damp and drafty, and robes were needed for warmth.

In the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, when universities were taking form, most of them were under the jurisdiction of the Church. The first scholars were clerics and they adopted robes similar to the robes of other clerical orders.

The hood had its origin in the alms bag slung around the necks of the begging friars in the Middle Ages. From these beginnings academic costume derived its form.

At first there was no uniform in style or cut; each university had its own patterns, and there is still wide variation between academic costumes in different countries.

In America, in 1893, delegates from many of the leading institutions met and drew up a simple system, partly borrowed from the practice of European institutions and partly original. Later the In-

tercollegiate Bureau of Academic Costume was chartered, with power to modify or add to the plan.

The distinctions set up by the Intercollegiate Code are simple. Gowns for the bachelor's degree are to be fashioned from "worsted stuff" with semistiff yoke, long pleated front and intricate shirring or pleating across the shoulders and back. The bachelor's gown may be worn either open or closed and is primarily distinguished by its long, pointed sleeves.

The master's gown has the same yoke effect but is worn open, and the very long sleeve is oblong with a crescent cut out at the base, closed at the end—the forearm comes through a slit just below the elbow.

Gowns for the doctor's degree are also worn open but they carry broad velvet panels down the front, and three velvet bars on the full, round, bell-shaped sleeves. This velvet trimming may be either black or in the color distinctive of the particular faculty that grants the degree.

Gowns for both the master's and

doctor's degrees are preferably of silk. Caps may be of serge or broadcloth, or, for the doctor's outfit only, of velvet; and the tassel of the doctor's cap is sometimes of gold bullion.

It is the hood that gives color and real meaning to the costume. A black cloth shell, of varying size according to degree, and of material to match the gown, is lined with silk in the color or colors of the institution conferring the degree.

The hood is bordered with velvet of the proper width to indicate the degree and in a color signifying the department that the degree represents.

The use of some of these colors goes back into the Middle Ages. White velvet indicates Arts and Letters; Divinity and Theology is indicated by scarlet, a reminder of the Crucifixion; Philosophy is blue, the color of kings who used to make laws; Science is golden yellow, the color of gold, which the old scientists used to attempt to make from baser metals; Medicine is green, the color of herbs.

Lunchroom Offers Comedy

by William Allen Green
and Frank Lloyd Wrong

Because of the reaction (or maybe we should say in spite of it) to the recent survey and classification of WHS students by 17 well-known deep sea divers, three Eskimos on their way to the South Sea Islands, and one tripped-out guru, they graciously consented to stay on to conduct yet another earth-shattering study. Their subject this week is the student eater in the cafeteria. It was concluded that three main groups were pre-dominate. They are: A. "You'll Never See Me Without Something in My Mouth," B. "If I Can Ever Catch Up With It, I'll Eat It," and C. "I Never Eat Cafeteria Food—It's Bad for My Health."

A member of group A can be easily identified because he usually has glazed eyes (not to be mistaken with a hangover glaze) upon entering the cafeteria. He is faster and seneakier than a teacher at getting into the line, through it, and sitting down. You may hear an audible sigh of content as he picks up his fork and AT-TACKS the plate, often missing the food in his frenzy to fill his mouth. This classification is most noticeable among the boy eaters gorging during the last lunch period of the day. Also helpful in detecting a member of this group is his inability to recall anything he just finished breathing in. Occasionally this can raise problems as he realizes he just ate some strawberries, looks down, sees his arms, legs, and body being covered

with hives, and too late remembers he is allergic to them.

Group B is one of the most obvious types of eaters that can be found. If you watch closely you can see as everything slides off his plate into his lap whenever he comes near his food. It's fun to watch him chasing meat around and around the plate, catching butter sliding all over a hot tray, and eating a peach out of a shallow bowl. This category is generally the forgetful one who never has a napkin as the food comes sliding into his lap or onto his inevitably white shirt. He is an eternal mass of yellow, red, and brown stains after lunch from the mustard, sloppy joes, and gravy he always manages to warpaint himself with. Daily he is applauded as he drops his lunch tray or reaches for the milk and sticks his arm through the mashed potatoes.

Group C is either invariably on a diet (I've just got to get down to 87 pounds!) or knows something the rest of us don't! If this specimen becomes faint from lack of nutrition, rush him to the nearest pizza parlor or hamburger joint and watch him gorge until he resembles the Great Pumpkin (big, fat, and orange with legs).

If you're in the cafeteria one day and see any of these people sitting near you, we definitely urge you to get up and move as far away as is humanly possible. These kinds of eaters could be hazardous to your health.

Spring Fills Few Months With Growing, Holidays, Birthdays

Spring is the season of the year between winter and summer. It usually includes the months of March, April and May in the United States. It is when plant life begins to vegetate and grow. In the astronomical year, spring comes between the vernal equinox and the summer solstice. In the hot regions of Central and South America, the seasons are divided into dry and wet, and the changes

(1936) was published posthumously. Housman's writing affected many people and still do.

Another famous person born during the spring season was Robert Frost. He was an American poet who was born in San Francisco, California, March 26, 1875. He was also a poet. Some of his volumes were "Mountain Interval" (1916), "New Hampshire" (1923), "West-Running Brook" (1928), "A

"a begin in dilight and an end in wisdom."

To many people spring always has the same definition.

It begins in delight and you come out of it with more wonderful knowledge. You can witness for the first time the beauty of spring and the meaning of spring. The season of spring is not just the memory of famous writers or holi-

Carnival To Raise Money for Blazers

In order to provide uniforms for a new band, the sponsorship of the AFS carnival has been turned over

A special two-week engineering and science program will be offered this summer to high school students who have completed the 10th or 11th grade. The program is under the direction of the Col-

occur suddenly and without definite transitional periods. The astronomical spring in the Southern Hemisphere begins September 23 and ends December 21, corresponding in some degree to the northern autumn.

To many others spring means more than this. Spring may mean to rise or move, the first and freshest period, the spring of life, or it may mean the time for sun, flowers, love, and even discovery.

Spring is also famous for its holidays such as, April Fool's Day, Memorial Day, and Flag Day.

It can also mean the time in which famous people were born as Phyllis McGinley, March 21 in 1905.

In May, 1961, the Pulitzer Prize for poetry was awarded to her for the book "Times Three: Selected Verse from Three Decades." She was a great writer of poetry.

An English scholar and poet, Alfred Edward Housman, born in Fockbury, Worcestershire, March 26, 1859 and died in Cambridge, April 30, 1936.

Alfred Housman was a poet. Many of his papers in classical journals earned him academic celebrity, but his two slim volumes of verse, "A Shropshire Lad" (1896) and "Last Poems" (1922). A third volume, "More Poems"

Further Range" (1936), and many others. To Robert Frost a poem is

but it's a feeling of beauty, life and wisdom.

Docking To Present Awards

Robert Docking, governor of Kansas, will present awards for the "Ability Counts" writing contest at the Ramada Inn in Topeka, April 9, 1969 for the five best entries to the contest.

Joyce Neerman, senior, won fifth place, and will receive a total of \$75 in U.S. savings bonds. Fifty dollars came from the Disabled American Veterans and \$25 from the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The "Ability Counts" contest was open to any high school junior or senior attending a public, private, or parochial school in Kansas. This included handicapped students taking special training classes.

The judging standards were significance of content, evidence of research, originality, impact, organization, clarity of expression and neatness.

The title was: WHAT EVERY

EMPLOYER SHOULD KNOW ABOUT HANDICAPPED WORKERS. This was the 11th annual "Ability Counts" contest and it was sponsored by the Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped.

Joyce received a letter from George L. Medlock, Executive Secretary of the Committee in Kansas, congratulating her on her success.

She, her parents, and her teacher, Miss Virginia Maldin, Humanities teacher, were invited as special guests, to an awards luncheon, which will also be held in the Ramada Inn in Topeka, April 9.

Joyce said, "I saw that what a handicapped person looked for in a job was the same as what a non-handicapped person looked for: a job that is suitable to his mental and physical abilities, interests, aptitudes, and personality."

to the band. It is trying to raise \$2,500 and will use the money to buy blazers for an intermediate marching band to be formed next year.

The carnival, scheduled for April 18 or 19, will feature the same attractions as in previous years, such as club booths and the sale of class stocks.

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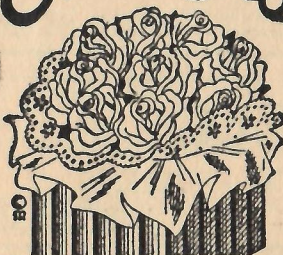
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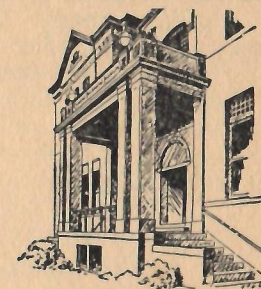
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"The medical service is pretty quick. You can get to a hospital in five to ten minutes in a helicopter."

"You have to carry weapons at all times outside the barracks. I carry a .45 pistol and usually my M-16."

Such are the comments that Sergeant Craig Ruffin, squad leader, made after finishing a year tour in Vietnam. Craig was with the ninth infantry division at Dong Tam in the Delta region but was assigned to a South Vietnamese ranger unit."

Seniors may remember Craig for leading Washington in track and cross country. In his senior year, Craig was captain of both squads.

Craig differs from many of

means he was first. His reasoning on this was that most people do not want to volunteer for this and he knows what to look for.

"Each booby-trap has a marker on it so the Viet Cong won't blow themselves up. Most of the people in my squad don't know what to look for and I do. I want to live.

One has mixed feelings when talking to Craig about his battle experiences. His soft-spoken manner belies his capabilities. He doesn't talk outright of the war but lets small bits and pieces drop.

Netman Keep Improving Weekly; Thinks Team Could Surprise

"The attitude is real good and what impresses me most is that the boys never give up," commented tennis coach, Ed Hosking.

The Netmen opened their season against Shawnee Mission South and fell to the Raiders 9 to 0. In the singles competition senior Bill Beggs and sophomore Jim Moore were the only ones to threaten the Raiders.

Beggs, after losing the first set, came back with a 6 to 4 victory in the second set, but could not hold in the last set as he fell 6 to 2.

Moore opened with a win

He mentioned the four purple hearts but not the wounds themselves. He said he had a chance to join the Army track team but went to Vietnam instead.

Craig spoke casually of the many sweeps he was in and the mortar and rocket attacks he went through but never of the fighting that went on.

When asked about hand-to-hand fighting he said that bayonets were not used much anymore. He added that he did quite often though. He is particularly fond of his Chinese bayonet.

pleased with the effort that Everett and Beggs put up in the doubles competition.

Coach Hosking concluded by saying, "We are improving each week and if we keep up the improvement we are going to surprise somebody before too long."

Manhattan Snow Ups Scores; Golfers End in Middle of Pack

Plagued by a snow and cold weather, the Wildcat golf team finished in a middle spot out of 24 schools in the stand-

Ramblin' 'long

by Lyle Martinson

Welcome to the new sports column dedicated to the furtherment of idiocy tests for high school enrollment.

You sports may wonder what this has to do with the sports page, but then, so does the teacher.

Actually, the goal of this wasted space is to prove the general illiteracy of this writer is surpassed only by the gullability of the readers.

Read no more.

You are not paying attention to the printed word which proves your gullability. I rest my case, but not my typewriter.

I feel deeply moved about writing this column. It follows in the great traditions of memorable tidbit tallies such as Coaches' Corner, Quarter Quotes, and a past April Fools edition called B.V.D. Briefs. Notice also that not one of the above has survived (which is why I feel deeply moved).

Baseball

Unfortunately, the gods frowned on the bats-n-balls boys and the March 26 game was canceled due to the cloud's perspiration (or is it precipitation).

General unrest was shown by students when the tragic news sprang from the intercom (Big Brother is watching). The marvey afternoon on the bleachers was spoiled for the crowds massed to go. I know deep in my heart that people were close to tears when the game was postponed for the final time on Friday. It says something for the tough, strong characters prevalent at WHS that no one broke down publicly.

In closing, I would like to ask the readers that if they know of any Polish jokes about athletes to please type them neatly, single spaced, on official size typing paper and bring them to the journalism department. We are out of paper up here to type on and we can use the backs of your sheets. Thank you.

Brewer 88, Finch 90, and Coble 93.

The two man team composed of Jim Hawkins, who shot an 87 and Steve Hobbs,

won the two man competition while Salina took the four man match.

Due to the bad weather and no club house to warm up in

the area students that have left for a tour of the tropics. He left a scholarship at Pittsburg and volunteered to go. He has gone for one year and will go back for seven more months.

After the next tour, Craig plans on going back to Pittsburg to major in sociology and criminology. Along with ROTC, this will give him the background and the second lieutenants bars necessary to join the military police as an officer.

Souvenirs seem to collect whenever someone travels. Craig is no different. Among his treasures is a SKS semi-automatic rifle made by the Chinese, a Chinese bayonet, a Viet Cong flag, two bronze stars, a flight medal from paratrooper school, four purple hearts, and a commendation medal (just below the bronze star).

The flag was a booby-trap. It was set up in sight of a road in the hope that the Americans would try to get it. Craig got by the mines and carried off the flag.

On the subject of booby-traps, Craig said, "Many roads and paths are mined. Setting up signs and flags is not unusual either. The majority of bunkers are not booby-trapped though."

As a squad leader, Craig usually took point, which

of 6 to 4 in the first set, fell in the second set by the reverse score and fell 6 to 4 in the deciding set.

As far as total winnings were concerned the Raiders had 75 wins, to 30 for the Wildcats.

Against the defending state champions from Shawnee Mission East the Wildcats managed to emerge with one point in a 6 to 1 defeat.

Bob Everett, sophomore, lost his first set 6 to 3, but came on strong in the last two sets to gain the only victory for the Wildcats.

Coach Hosking had this to say about Everett's victory, "The highlight of the match was when Everett beat their number four man, because to beat someone from Shawnee Mission East is good in itself, but to do it when you're a sophomore is even better."

Coach Hosking was also

ings at the Manhattan golf tournament.

Coach Frank Lee said, "The weather was really bad. At times it was impossible to see the greens because of the snow. Many boys couldn't even feel their hands."

The four man team composed of Jerry Webb, Dave Brewer, Ron Finch, and Mark Coble finished with a score of 356. Webb carded an 85,

shot an 87 and Steve Hossler, 100, ended up with a 187. In this tournament a six man team score was figured by adding the four and two man teams together.

Coach Lee said, "The wind made it real tough. It added around eight to ten strokes to everyone's score." Par at the course was 72.

The best round turned in was by a Shawnee Mission North golfer with a 77. North

the Washington squad left early so a definite finishing position was not known by Coach Lee.

Thursday, April 3, the Wildcat linksmen travel to Lawrence in hopes of victory. April 11, the Shawnee Mission schools play host to an invitational in which Washington will participate.

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