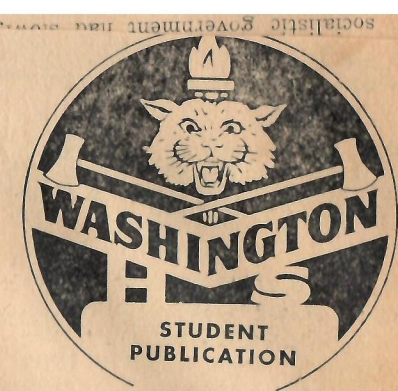


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## Club Sells Candy

For the last couple of weeks, Key club members have been seen in the halls carrying boxes and talking sales talk, or whispering to a prospective buyer during class, trying to sell Mrs. Leland's candy bars and the Wildcat directories.

Preparations for the directories started approximately five months ago, shortly after school started.

Correct names and phone numbers had to be found, approved and placed in alphabetical order before publishing could begin.

Last year a greater number of directories were sold. However 1,050 directories have been sold so far this year. This makes the second year the Key club has published the directories, and the expected \$100 profit has already been obtained.

This year Randy Whitlock, senior, is in charge of selling the candy bars, and Dennis Fairbanks, junior, is in charge of selling directories.

The Key club is a service club designed to help the city, school and community, and plans to donate its funds to the "Rinky Dinks," a program for retarded children.

Just a short time ago, the Key club gave \$100 to the family of



**BEN FRANKLIN SEEMS to need some readjusting.**  
(Photo by Ron Cheyney.)

## Police Present Safety Program

An annual visit made to Washington by the State Highway Patrol will be Feb. 27.

The safety assembly will be presented by Trooper Parmalee of the Highway Patrol.

Assemblies will be held in the auditorium at 2:45 p.m. on Feb. 27.

# WHS Students Rate 'Tops'

The Washington High School Future Business Leaders showed excellent progress by taking first place in 18 events, second in 12 events and third in 12 events in the FBLA regional convention at Washington High School.

Mr. Future Business Leader was won by Robert Shively and second place and third place respectively in the Miss FBLA contest were won by Joyce Bishop and Colleen Isabell.

In public speaking, Jane Gushee, first; Linda Ogburn, second, and Bob Shively, third.

In advanced bookkeeping, How-

ard Peters, first; Kathleen Reddick, second, and George Knight, third.

In beginning bookkeeping, Elaine Beckman, first, and Barb Lisher and Linda Childs tied for third.

In general business, Joy Wylie, first; Amy Neumer, second, and Rick Kepler was third.

In business mathematics, Rita Paver, first; Joy Wylie, second, and Elaine Beckman was third.

In advanced shorthand, Joyce Bishop was first, Chris Vodopost, second, and Judy Ragan, third.

In beginning shorthand, Ruth Birge, first; Diane Organ, second, and Donna Wheeler was third.

In production typing, first place was won by Mary Lind, second was Doris Miller, and Linda Grigsby was third.

In beginning typing, first place was won by Linda Kobe, Debbie Marney was second and Sharon Ingram third.

In the economics field, first place was awarded to George Knight.

The general clerical awards were given to Mary Ann Acinger for first and Patti Molder for third.

In sales demonstration, Ed Sweiton of Washington won first place.

Ron Storey, Valarie Biscannin and Ellen Brewood were awarded first, second and third places respectively in current events.

In business law, Kathleen Reddick, first; Nick Gordon, second, and Neil Greer and Charles Neumer were tied for third.

In business communications, Ellen Burkin was first and Colleen Isabell was second.

And finally, first and second place awards in data processing were awarded to Rita Paver and Robert Shively.

These students will now proceed

# Graduation Requirement Change For Classes

Graduation requirements for individual classes change from year to year. Modernization and modification change also.

The graduating class of 1969 will be required to have four years of English, one year of biology,

A few of these include: foreign languages; practical arts, such as foods, clothing and family living; language arts, which are debate, drama, stagecraft, humanities (senior status), journalism, year-book, speech and fine arts.



a retarded child who recently died. This is just one of the ways the club aids the community.

So far, no future plans have been decided upon and the question of new officers has not yet arisen.

# Girls Make Decision About Future Career

As the year goes on, senior girls must begin planning their futures. With so many vocations to go into, the choice is wide and they sometimes find it difficult to make the primary decision—marriage or more education.

Some will get married and others will get a job. There are many variations to the type of work these girls will do.

There are those who will take special training courses for IBM, the airlines, business colleges, religious training, beauty schools and modeling agencies.

One sure thing, each girl will be looking for a job with a certain amount of glamour in it.

To each girl the definition of glamour means something different. For one girl, the security of a small home and a husband means glamour. Another girl, who is more adventurous and independent, may find the glamour she is looking for in a foreign country. One who has mastered a foreign language might work for the government as an interpreter, go to Paris as a fashion designer.

Although not all girls will go this far from home, most of the seniors at WHS will not be living in Kansas City for over two or three years. College, a husband or their vocation will take them away from here.

will be no homeroom that day. It is expected that the program will coordinate with those of the past. The highway deaths of Kansas highways will be the main concern.

Liz Crilly, senior, said, "I'm planning on attending K. U. for four years, and I'm going to major in elementary education. I don't plan on marriage until I finish school, because there are too many other things to do right now."

Jeannine Groves, senior, said, "When I get out of high school, I'm going to get a summer job. Then I'm going to go to JuCo and if I like that I'll go to Pittsburg State College."

Debby Jones, senior, said, "I'm looking forward to a career more than marriage right now. I'm going to travel this summer and then go to a college out of state for four years. I'm going to major in journalism."

When asked what she plans for the future, Nancy Hester, senior, said, "I'm taking lessons for computer training right now. There are forty lessons and I have to have all of them done by the end of May. I'm going to be a key punch and computer operator. Then I will train for thirty days and they will place me."

Diane Smith, senior, stated, "I'll either model for a year, or else get an office job. Then I will go to work for TWA, United or Continental as an airline hostess."

Donna Hummelgaard said, "What I'm planning to do is get a job, and then in a year, get married."

year of PAD and two years of mathematics.

The classes of '70 and '71 are required to have a total of 18 units. Fourteen of these units must have been earned in senior high school.

These credits needed include: physical education, lab science, mathematics, American history, PAD, and also three units in English.

Many students are not sure what they should take in their last two years. Most students get their required subjects out of the way and then worry about their electives. There are many electives a person can choose from in senior high school.

## Kansas City Art Festival Shows Area Youth Talent

A Kansas City Youth Art Festival, May 3, held at Notre Dame De Sion School, 3823 Locust, Kansas City, Mo., requires that all applications be turned in by April 5th.

Exhibiting creative works is open to all students in the metropolitan Kansas City area, from grade 3 through high school.

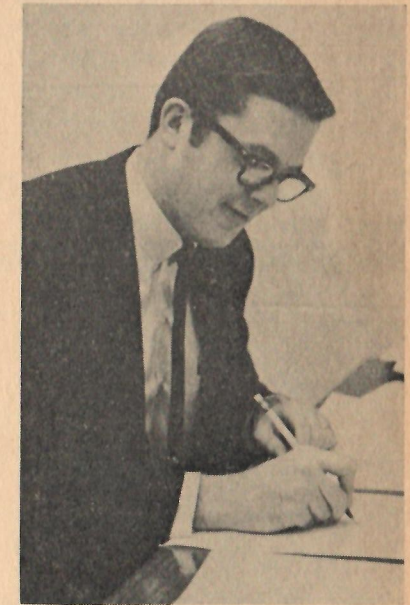
Booths to display works will be donated by the Plaza Association and can be reserved for a \$2.00 rental fee. Professionals from various art fields will be at the Festival to discuss works with the school artists and make any profitable suggestions.

The Festival will focus on the public to further the idea

Some students may enroll in subjects at Washington such as vocational welding and vocational auto mechanics for part of the school day and then go to the area vocational technical school. General merchandising is for juniors only. Advanced approval is required.

There is a variety of subjects a student can take. This is entirely up to the individual himself. Before making your decision try to study each subject and make sure this is really what you want. Remember this decision is to last you a whole year. If you are not sure what to do, go and get further information from your counselor today!!

to the state tournament at Emporia, Kansas, on March 22.



WHO'S THIS BUSY at work? Our new counselor, Mr. Henderson. Mr. Henderson, who recently taught at West Junior High, came to WHS a few weeks ago. (Photo by Ron Cheyney.)

## Students Appear On T. V. Show

Bill Moore, Linda Ristow, Robert Rogers, Liz Carson and Bill Palaskas, seniors, will be the team of Washington High School students that will appear on "Categories." The alternates for the program will be Claudette Brame and Joyce Neerman, seniors.

All honor society members were asked to fill out applications for the show. Seven applications were submitted.

The program will be presented on Saturday, April 19. The students will tape the show two weeks before. "Categories" can be seen every Saturday at 11:30 a.m. on WDAF-TV.

### February

- 21 Basketball—Lawrence—  
There  
State Wrestling Tournament—El Dorado  
Soph. Basketball—Wyandotte—There, 4 P.M.
- 22—Basketball—Ward—  
There  
State Wrestling Tournament—El Dorado
- 26 Enrollment during home-room—complete forms
- 27—Soph. Basketball—SMW—  
Here, 4 P.M.



# Pupils Help Easter Cause

I have a message for teenagers. How about joining the team of Easter Seal Teen Volunteers? Just a little time after school hours every week can make you a very important person to a crippled child. You might serve as an aide to a therapist, or as a camp counselor in the summer . . . or even in raising funds to finance services for crippled children . . . you'll be important because you will be working alongside professional people to give a crippled child a chance at a good life. Don't pity them . . . work with them . . . as an Easter Seal Teen Volunteer. TO CONTACT YOUR LOCAL EASTER SEAL SOCIETY CALL WE. 1-1411.

Below is a list of some ways high school students can assist the National Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults.

—VOCATIONAL STUDENTS can help keep toys and equipment in good working condition.



—GIRLS can help dress and undress children before and after treatments.

—HOME ECONOMICS STUDENTS are useful in snack preparation and serving.

—BUSINESS STUDENTS are needed to help out in general office details.

—HI-Y'ERS, meeting necessary standards for poolside supervisory work and swimming, are needed.

—VOICE STUDENTS to lead singing sessions can help bring cheer to crippled children.

—PROSPECTIVE TEACHERS can find usefulness in work with pre-school age children.

—BOYS AND GIRLS with a flair for arts and crafts may be useful in occupational therapy programs.

—PROSPECTIVE SOCIAL WORKERS will find opportunities working with professionals handling record-keeping details and other vital jobs.

—HOBBYISTS can further their own interest by sharing their pet avocations with the handicapped as they seek to fill idle hours.

## Strict Government Regulations Prohibit Reading of Books

A couple of weeks ago there was a movie on television called "Fahrenheit 451," a satire of the future.

Those who saw the entire film were forced into thought-provoking discussions with everyone

gained complete control over its people. It was said that reading corrupted society and the minds of the people. Like others, however, this man had retained some books and secretly read them to

## Nutrients Play Important Role

"There is one simple rule to follow for good nutrition," says Mrs. Doyle, WHS dietitian. "That is to eat a variety of foods."

This doesn't mean just a variety of ways of preparing the same foods but different foods from the basic food groups.

The dietitian has fixed regula-

## Baby WHS Needs Cooperation

The objectives of the Peace Corps are: 1) to help native people meet their needs for trained manpower, 2) help these people achieve a better understanding of the American people, and 3) help American people have a better understanding of the people of the world.

Realistically, the second objective stated is not entirely possible because we all know that foreign people are not going to grasp a vivid image of Americans through one or two volunteers no matter how "nice" or how "rotten" the individual happens to be. Raoul M. Borlow, America magazine writer, stated that American money donation to foreign countries would not and could not buy a sincere friendship. We either gain or lose friend prospects through the image we seem to radiate.

Peace Corps School Partnership Program allows American students to adopt a community in another country and provide money for building materials for a school. A Peace Corps Volunteer assists the community people in constructing the school and assuring that a teacher will be available. When the school is completed, there can be an exchange of letters, photos and ideas between the two neighboring schools (thousands of miles apart).

Education is the key to understanding. Speaking realistically again, most Washington students could care less if some kid in Tanzania "understands me as an American." Americanism somewhere along the road seems to have lost its meaning if it ever had one. My plea, however, has little to do with Americanism.

Personally, I want every child to have the same educational opportunities I've abused for thirteen years, in hopes the child will use it toward better and more extensive knowledge than I did. I don't care whether he lives in Appalachia, Tijuana, Mexico, the New York ghetto, Oklahoma, Biafra, Chile, Spain or Kansas, whether he's black or white or red or yellow.

I want my children to grow up and learn to depend on education not as a crutch, but a solid stone from which they form their own definitions and values of peace, freedom, individualism, justice and Americanism.

If there is such a highly regarded ideal as an American, I want to live up to it and support the school that belongs to some little kids in a Latin American community.

I can't and no one else can deny them the education they want.

under psychiatric care reject food entirely.

There is work going on just to get WHS's lunches here each day. First the dietitian along with others must figure out the menu from the nutrition standpoint. The government goes out and buys the

pensive. Then two days a week inventory is taken.

"We are dependent on the mothers of the community for their cooking and help in the cafeteria. These women are hand-picked usually from the recommendations of a loyal and good worker.



consider the behind-the-scenes meaning. There was a deeper meaning to the movie than simply a force of men who destroy all books by permission of the law.

Sometimes we gripe about the little bit of reading we have to do in our assignments. The literature which we enjoy is taken for granted and we very often forget how fortunate we are to be able to read whatever we please. Even the daily newspapers which inform us of the events day after day don't receive any appreciation whatsoever. This brings us to the idea expressed in "Fahrenheit 451." It tells about an extreme socialistic type government which prohibits the reading of any sort. Books were not allowed to exist. They became a thing of the past. The reading of books in this society was a crime and an offense against the government.

The story is centered on a police force which is sent out to burn any books which are reported to exist. The people in this society must cooperate with the government or they will be taken into custody.

The people live in boredom day after day with nothing to look forward to. This particular story was more closely centered around a man who was a member of the police squad. Every day was the same—go to the station, maybe be called out a few times, and then return home for a little enjoyment. He and his wife could watch a government-controlled closed circuit television network or they might have some friends in for a conversation of little value. This was it. In the years past they could have read books for enjoyment but an extremely socialistic government had slowly

increase in knowledge and to reduce the boredom of this worthless society. He enjoyed literature and his love for it was greater than any chances he would take in getting caught. His wife was afraid that he might be caught and she constantly asked him to get rid of them. His answer was still the same. She said that she would leave him if he refused to get rid of them. He continued to read.

One day he was at work when the squad was called out on a report. They immediately rushed to the scene of the so-called crime. He noticed that they had arrived at his own home and wondered what was happening. They went into the house and he uncovered the hidden books. They were then burned. He knew that he could take no more. He fled out of the city as quickly as he could to escape this waking nightmare.

His destiny was Bookland there people knew that literature did once exist and were doing their best to preserve the conception of books. In order to become a member of this elite handful of people, he had to memorize an entire book, just as all the rest had done. They did this in order to restore the enjoyment of literature and preserve the idea that all other books would someday exist again.

The past comments on this particular movie can't begin to express the meaning of its entirety. It was created to show people what could happen someday. "Fahrenheit 451" is very possible when we examine the situations that prevail throughout our land and other lands. It was a bad society in which books could not be published. It could happen. Are we going to let it?

tions set by the Department of Agriculture in order to meet specific standards. Also, qualified scientists and international figures help determine the menu. It takes the best brains to keep the food from being monotonous. Mrs. Doyle encourages any girl who is science-minded to go into the nutrition field.

From the time one is born nutrition plays a role in life. A bottle of milk could keep a baby from crying and could satisfy the calcium requirements.

Food is associated with holidays and special times in life. How one accepts food may reflect in the personality. The fussier one is about trying out new things the closer to maladjustment one becomes. In extreme cases, patients

### Wildcat Speak - Out

If there was a student lounge established, do you feel you would use it?

"Yes. The students need somewhere where they can relax, talk and drink cokes, etc. So if there were a student lounge built I would use it frequently and I feel that most of the student body would also use it."—Mark Jeselnik, sophomore.

"I would use it because I think we, the students, need more places to sit around and talk without being in the cafeteria."—Mike Beasley, junior.

"I would use it because it would keep the students out of the halls and give them a place to meet and talk to friends."—Pat McCarty, junior.

"I would use it because it would do a lot of good for the students."—Jim Kepler, junior.

it must be transported from Topeka and then put into cold storage. Once a week the food is delivered to the school. This delivery process in itself is very ex-

## Juniors Work For Successful Dance

The Junior Class Council is presently at work making plans for the 1969 Junior-Senior Prom to be held April 26 from 8 to 10 p.m. in the fieldhouse. Everyone concerned is busy with various problems which must be solved before prom night arrives.

One of the first to be dealt with is the financial situation. Money must be raised in order to finance prom activities. Held so far has been the basketball game between the KUDL "Boss Jocks" and the

We are anxious to give students what they like. Also, we would love to have more daring on the part of the students to try new things," commented Mrs. Doyle.

WHS faculty. Planned for the future are a Junior Class bake sale and paper drive.

Committees have already been chosen and are working hard. The band committee has been interviewing different bands from the area. The final choice has not yet been made.

Rex Morgan, president of the class of '70, said, "The Junior-Senior Prom promises to be one of the most memorable occasions for the graduating seniors of '69."

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## Backstroke Artist

# Sixth For Cooper

Attaining sixth place in the State Swim Meet, Jim Cooper finished a brilliant swimming career at Washington.

Cooper specialized in the back stroke in his high school career. In qualifying preliminaries at State, Cooper took third, setting a school record for the 100-yard backstroke, 59.5. Cooper also was a member of the 200-yard medley relay team that captured fifth at State.

Swimming actively in competition since he was eight years old, Cooper said, "I never could swim free style very good. I've always done the back stroke and a little breast stroke."

Cooper said, "Discipline is necessary in any sport. I've worked harder this year than I ever have. I improved my time four seconds

from last year."

When speaking of the race, Cooper said, "It's a straight sprint, there is no pacing. You sort of weaken at the end, but you're still going at top speed."

K.U. Coach Dick Reamon said, "Cooper has a fantastic arm stroke, but he has a weak kick. It's all in his arms."

An interesting note about the State Meet is that Cooper and other members of the team shaved their bodies, which gives a feeling of less resistance. "This is done only for big time competition," said Cooper.

Cooper plans to swim in college. "I've had a few offers, but I'm undecided," said Cooper.

When asked what swimming has done for him, Cooper concluded, "You get out of something what you put into it."

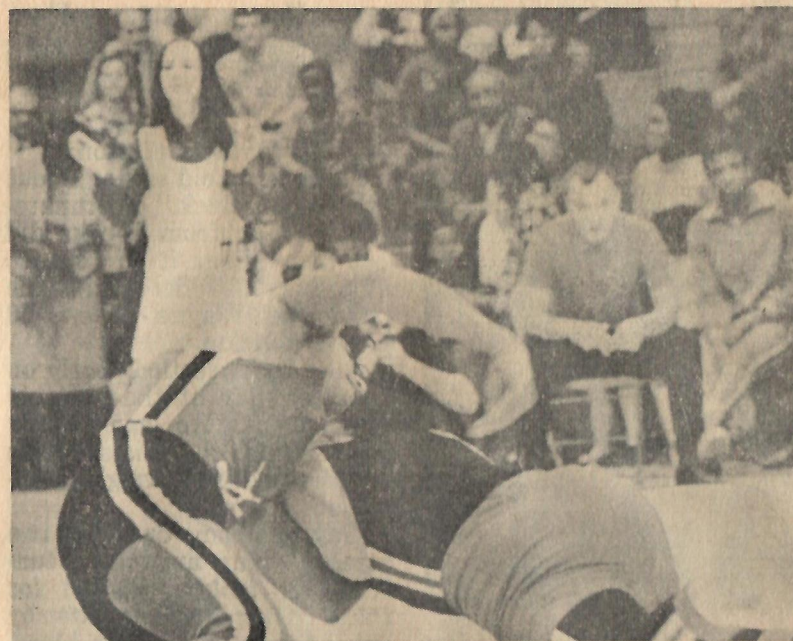


(Photo by Ron Cheyney)  
JIM COOPER, senior, practices his specialty in the 'fish pond. Cooper took sixth in the state tourney.

## McCord Only Wildcat Soph to Go to State

The only sophomore to go to the State Meet for Washington

A.A.U. age group competition. McCord said, "In high school there is far more competition and harder



(Photo by Murrel Bland)

RON HERNANDEZ, Wyandotte, reverses Jim Moody, red trunks, in the 133 pound division. Hernandez stayed on top and left Moody with second place at the district tourney. Moody lost out in the regionals.

# Spectre Hangs Heavy Over Moody's Career

By Lyle Martinson

Jim Moody, 133-pound division, seems to have a spectre hanging over his wrestling career.

As a sophomore, he was flipped off the mat and landed on the hardwood floor in the girls' gym. Last summer, Jim and one of his brothers, Ron, left the road in a Corvair doing 100 mph and hit a cement wall.

As a result of the car wreck, Jim spent eight weeks with a cast on his ankle, and suffered a cracked vertebrae, concussion and his shoulder was re-injured. Ron had a gash by his mouth sown up.

After shaking all of these difficulties, Jim still finds them

one of the few matmen to lose twenty pounds and he was overweight only one time.

The name Moody means wrestling at Washington. Jim's oldest brother, Bill, wrestled for two years and made it to the regionals in his final year. The middle brother, Ron, was a varsity grappler too as he had a good win-loss record in the 112 and 103 weight classes. The only Moody not to wrestle was a sister, which speaks for itself.

Jim started as a sophomore in the 127-pound weight class. His junior and senior years were spent in the 133 division. He made junior varsity as a soph and lettered

# Record Ends

By Lyle Martinson

Defeat finally caught up with Larry Rodina at the state swimming meet. After a perfect winning record and a first at the league meet, Larry did not even place in the top ten in the state tourney.

Rodina's roller coaster career began when he started diving as a sophomore. He is now a three-year letterman with the highest diving scores in Kansas.

The high point of his career came when he beat Coach Jim Askin's record at the league tourney. Askin's old record of 375 fell to Rodina's 386.65.

Most of the diving team fell apart as Don Benjamin did not rate either. The only bright spot was Charles Thompson's sixth place.

Larry had refused to predict his results in either the league or state meets. He said, "Too many things can go wrong or I might break a leg."

He did not break a leg but he did break his eardrum. Larry landed in the water on the side of his face and the pressure burst the internal part of his ear.

Risking infection, Larry went ahead and dived in the state meet with an ear plug. The combination of pressure from the meet and worry about his ear reduced his concentration to a low point.

Coach Askins summed up the seriousness of this by saying, "Few sports can compare in the amount of concentration needed."

Rodina cannot hear anything in one ear as the doctor explained that a 1/8-inch hole is inside his ear. He will not know if his ear will heal properly until this summer.

"I can't get in trouble in school



ber of the fifth place medley relay team. McCord failed to qualify for the finals in his individual event.

McCord said, "I'll be back in the State Meet next year. I feel I'll be able to qualify for the finals in the 50-yard free style next year."

Competition started for McCord when he was ten years old in

## Girls Misplace Nuts

Who stole the nuts?

That's the question Mrs. Hartwick's fourth hour Foods I class has been asking since before Christmas. Especially since they were the ones held responsible.

Shortly before Christmas, while all foods classes were preparing for the Christmas tea, a large amount of chopped walnuts disappeared, much to the concern of Mrs. Hartwick.

Apparently Mr. and Mrs. Hartwick had spent two hours the night before cracking these very nuts.

A frenzied search was made by the accused class, but with no results.

As punishment, Mrs. Hartwick held two "nut-cracking sessions" after school, giving each girl the choice of which one she would attend.

With shoes off and coats thrown down, armed with hammers and butcher knives, ten to twelve girls could be seen each night bending over pans of hard-shelled walnuts, moans and grumbles coming from each and every one at the sight of so many walnuts.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of our thief, please notify Mrs. Hartwick.

practices. Coach Askins has helped me in personal discipline."

"My strongest event is the free style where I could swim any distance. I can swim the backstroke too," said McCord.

McCord plans to swim in competition again this summer at Victory Hills or someplace else in A.A.U. competition.

Coach Askins said, "By the time McCord is a senior he can be one of the best swimmers Washington has ever had."

## Frilly Fashions Fascinate With Romantic Look

Attention!!! All you fashion-conscious girls in WHS, this column is aimed at YOU! If you are planning on spending half a fortune this spring on clothes for the warm days to come, maybe some of the information offered in this story will keep you from spending your money frivolously.

To begin, the romantic look, with a lot of frills and lace, will be in this spring. The frilly feminine blouse with taffeta or rayon-silk skirts is sure to bring you all the attention on a warm day.

Stolen from the boys, the sweater vest goes well with almost any blouse and skirt combination you can slap together. That is, if the colors coordinate. The waisted look is definitely IN this year. Almost every fashion you feast your eyes upon has a waist feature to it. The hem lengths will probably remain the same or even become a little longer, much to the dismay of many boys.

As for color, almost every shade

haunting him as he does not slow his pace.

Everything is not downhill however. Moody has had his share of successes, as can be seen by the medals on his letter sweater. Last year he won two bronze medals, at Sunflower at district, and this year he won another bronze medal at Sunflower and two silver disks at Highland Park and district.

Jim's determination brought him through many difficulties. He was

will be accepted in what you wear, from pastels to the ever popular red, white and blue.

As for shoes, the romantic style prevails once more, with little trimmings such as buttons, straps and bows. The low, chunky heel will probably appear to be the only style of heel offered. Loafers may appear to be the only shoe without chunky heels, but even some styles of loafers are being presented with this attraction. Sandals in every color from orange to celery green to dark brown will also make the fashion scene this season.

As for beachwear, the bikini won't be quite as popular as it has been in previous years. It will be replaced this year by the moderate two-piece and the swim

every year since.

Moody plans on going to a junior college in Port Angelis, Washington, called Pennsola. Wrestling is supposed to be added to the sports program this year. Pennsola is relatively new.

"Pennsola is relatively new, only four years old. A high school around there took first in every sort two years ago but a bond proposal wasn't passed and all sports were stopped."

dress. The swim dress came into the fashion limelight last summer.

Now to the accessories. Opaque, lace look and flowery net stockings will once again be popular this spring. Full length stockings with a design knit on the outside ankle is a new entry in fads for spring '69.

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now. I just say 'huh' a lot."

## Show Coming

"Willie and Winnie in Wildcat Country" is the theme of the Wildcat Revue, Washington High School's talent show, which will be presented April 11 at 8 p.m.

Singing, dancing, dog acts, bands, juggling, take-offs from television commercials, and other humorous or dramatic interpretations may be performed by any student or students.

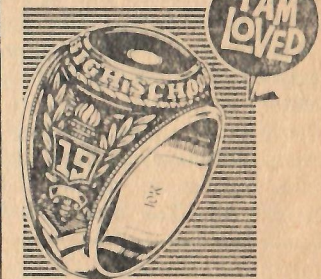
Applications were to be turned in by Feb. 17. Each act must be sponsored by a teacher. Props are unlimited, ranging from slide projectors to monkeys.

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## Back After Back Injury

By Larry Danielson

Success isn't attained easily! Ask Mike Copeland, senior guard. Copeland sat out half his junior year because of a back injury, but through hard work, came back to be a spark plug on this year's squad.

Copeland injured his back playing on school grounds in town where basketball players are made in the off season. Playing with kids in his neighborhood, such as Pierre Russell, former Wyandotte All-Stater, now at K.U., Copeland got interested in basketball when he was in the fifth grade.

West Junior High saw Copeland start the last half of his ninth grade year to lead West to the City championship. "In Junior High is where high school teams are made. It's up to the high school to keep the junior high kids interested," said Copeland.

"At Wyandotte, head Coach Walt Shublom gives ninth graders free passes to all home basketball games. All the junior high coaches work through Shublom," said Copeland.

"High school athletics help you a lot. It builds character and the ways of life. It teaches you to accept wins and losses. Nothing comes easy, you have to go and get it," said Copeland.

When speaking of Copeland's personal game, he said, "Shooting comes natural, but

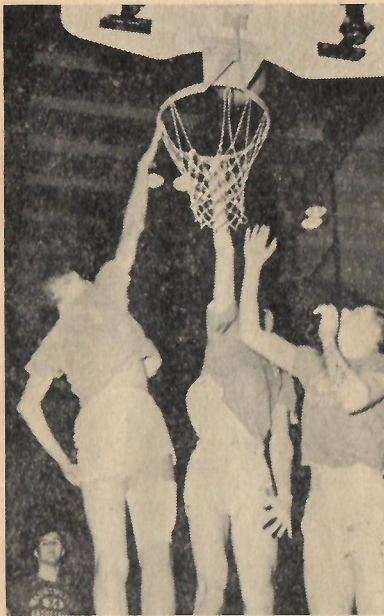
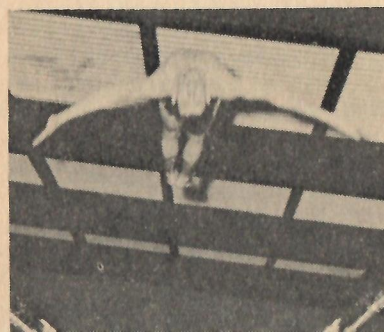


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**MIKE COPELAND, Jim Thompson and Tom Young practice rebounding.**

been my dream to beat Wyandotte because I went to junior high with their players. I'm really out for North in the regional tournament," Copeland continued.

Copeland concluded, "I'm looking forward to college ball and maybe a scholarship offer. I'm in love with this game. If I wasn't I wouldn't be playing it. I like to know I've accomplished something for myself and my teammates.



## Pike Takes Gold Medals

By Lyle Martinson

There is an old saying about "third time luck." Fortunately, Dan Gay from Topeka did not hear about it in time to stop his 13-6 defeat at the hands of Wayne Pike, 180 pound division.

Pike had wrestled poorly on the first day of the regional tournament. He had barely made it into the finals with a 4-3 win over Lee Wright, Emporia.

Gay had come out with two straight pins and the situation was looking dismal for Pike. After two defeats by Pike, Gay was out for blood.

Pike came on strong in the finals though, and won his third gold medal of the year.

Such has been the phenomenal grappling career of Wayne Pike. This is only his second year out and his first year as a varsity matman.

Skipping his sophomore year, Pike came out as a junior to find Mickey Bahr in the varsity slot and Pat Ohler with a year of experience. Ohler's experience paid off as Pike saw little mat action last year.

This year found the situation reversed as Bahr graduated and Pike found ways of beating Ohler. The rest is history as Pike's record stands at eight wins and no losses in dual action meets and 20 and 2 overall.

Although it sounds corny, Pike firmly believes that Ohler is responsible for making him a good wrestler. The two always worked together in practice.

It seems strange that any-

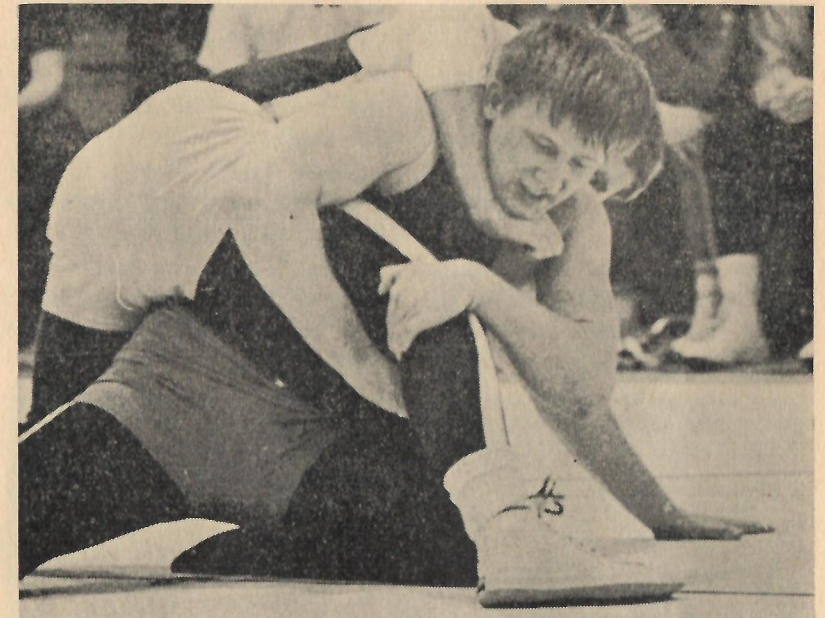
tator sport, and generally lose because of his numerous mistakes.

A change took place this year as the sound effects were dropped and the mauling was replaced by a more scientific approach. The general idea of trying to kill his opponent was still there however, and this can be seen in that one of his losses came when Wayne was

disqualified for unnecessary roughness.

**Pike had dislocated his opponent's shoulder and the guy could not continue.**

College plans are centered on Emporia but other schools are still being considered. Pike is hoping for a scholarship to play football and wrestle. He will major in physical education.



(Photo by Murrel Bland)

**WAYNE PIKE, 180 pound weight class, works for a reversal in his final match at the district tournament. He will be going to the state meet after winning first in the regionals**

## Determination Leads To Success

By Larry Danielson

Through determination and hard work 6-1 forward Jim Thompson became the top scorer on the Wildcat quintet, with an 11.3 average.

"I got interested in basketball back in grade school. All the older

at Washington and that's a big problem. At Wyandotte they don't know how to lose," said Thompson, when discussing the losing seasons Washington has had. "Tradition has to be developed from junior



defense and ball handling have been my biggest concern. I have to anticipate on defense because I'm not as quick as other guards in the league, so I have to outsmart them," said Copeland.

"The teams I enjoy playing are Ward and Shawnee Mission South. Their players are always cocky, and I like to cut them down a little. It's always



(Photo by Ron Cheyney)

**LARRY RODINA, senior,** practices the form that led him to many victories. He continued diving despite a recent broken ear drum.

## Stereotype Cut Down To Fit Williams Size

By Lyle Martinson

Wrestling is generally associated with huge, scar-faced men who jump off ropes and slam each other into corner posts and on the mat.

High school mat crews have modified this stereotype but Jerry Williams, 120-pounder, has refined this image even further. Williams is rated first, scholastically, in the class of '69.

Jerry changes the stereotype even more when it is considered that he only weighs about 130 pounds normally.

Williams has been successful this year. His latest achievements include a second place medal in the district tournament and a fourth place in the regionals. The fourth at the regionals entitled him to a trip to the state tourney in El Dorado.

Being smaller than most football players, Williams has been limited to the number of positions that he could fill. The lack of height

and poundage has not bothered him in wrestling as all sizes and shapes are welcome.

Although small, he was a nemesis from his cornerback position this year. Williams was always materializing out of the corner of your eye and either tackling the bigger ball carriers or forcing them out of bounds.

Later in the season, when the injuries depleted the backfield, Jerry moved to halfback and made a favorable impression on coaches and spectators alike as he dashed around the ends for passes or carrying the ball.

Williams missed his junior year in wrestling due to an injury in his left knee. He had to have an operation and it was stiff for several months. Although still a little stiff, it has healed well and Jerry does not have any trouble with it.

"I can run faster now than before the injury."

With this encouraging bit of news, Jerry may go out for track.

they did not think they would like. As a sophomore, Wayne played football and could not see how any other sport could be as much fun as clobbering opposing linemen.

When he did come out, Wayne brought his football tactics with him. Pike would roar and maul his opponents, making wrestling a true spec-

He has not decided yet because he may go to work instead.

With graduation nearing, college is uppermost in Jerry's mind. Ottawa and Emporia head the list of schools. He has received letters from both schools. Ottawa has his football films and may start wrestling this year. Emporia's wrestling coach has written to Jerry about that sport but football was not mentioned.

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guys in the neighborhood wouldn't let me play ball with them, so I practiced by myself," said Thompson.

"One thing I remember good was winning the championship in fifth grade," said Thompson. At Arrowhead Junior High, Thompson started both his eighth and ninth grade years with fellow Wildcat, Richard Stines.

Last year, Thompson suffered an ankle injury in pre-season workouts which slowed him down for the whole season. "It was real disappointing," said Thompson. Lately Thompson has been carrying a black eye and five stitches above it due to a collision against Shawnee Mission West.

"There is no tradition of winning

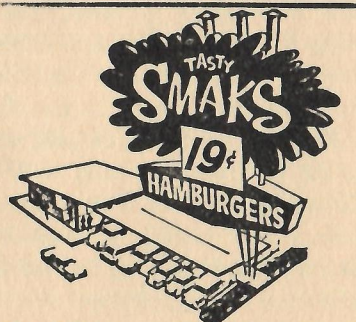
high on up."

"My biggest problem this year has been my defense. I have trouble staying low, while guarding my man. Rebounding has been tough for me too," said Thompson.

"Our trouble this year has been lack of height and a real floor leader," said Thompson.

"I want to play college ball. Wherever I go I'm going to try out for the team. I don't know if I'll get any scholarship offers. There is a lot of competition," said Thompson.

Jim Thompson reached the top through determination. He is determined to do one more thing. "I want to beat Ward bad, awful bad. They're my biggest rival," quoted Thompson.



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