Students Find Happiness in Volunteering Aid for the Trainably Retarded

Mental retardation can be a source of happiness to those who work with the retarded. Jan Kenton, senior, and Carol Bloodgood, junior, have discovered this through volunteering their services to the Wyandotte County School for the Trainable Retarded.

Carol and Jan go to Grandview Methodist Church, at 67th and Leaveiworth road, during their study hall every day, and arrive back at Washington in time to make their next class.

Jan has been going since the beginning of the second semester; Carol began a month ago.

Anyone who is interested in this type of volunteer work and who would have a way to the church and back daily should talk to their counselor.

Inform your counselor that he or she should contact Mr. Lowell Alexander. They will arrange an interview for the student with Mr. Alexander to see if the student would fit into this type of work. He prefers seniors.

Jan said, "I love working with the children. I feel like it's the most worthwhile thing I've ever done. They all try so hard, and are interested in everything they are taught. At first, I wasn't sure how to treat them, but after I'd been there a couple days, I found that to be no problem at all. They're just like everyone else. My only problem is that once I get there, I don't want to leave."

During the time the girls have been there, they have helped the children read, write, do simple arithmetic, work puzzles, use pegboards, and sort by colors and

They have helped the children with cleanliness and other self-help skills, such as tying shoes, hanging up and zipping coats, and snapping

The children work on coordination exercises. They learn to run, skip, march, tip-toe and walk. They are also taught to recognize the rhythm of a song and clap their hands to it.

Both Carol and Jan have noticed a strong need for security and love from all the children. They also tend to behave the way the others

Carol commented, "I enjoy working with the children very much. I feel like I've gained more under-

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standing of retarded children. With at least half of them, I haven't noticed any drastic differences between them and other children, except their ability to learn."

The students who don't have a study hall, or are an aide, or don't feel like they can give up their study hall, but are interested in working with retarded children might be interested in forming a Teen-Age Monitors program.

TAMS is an organization designed and run by high school students. TAMS would sponsor dances, picnics, hay rides and playground activities for the children.

Of course, the teachers from the school would assist this organization with its plans.

During school, the children take short "field trips." They go bowling, shopping, to the laundry, they have been to a fire station and are going to go to the zoo this spring. These activities are merely to familiarize the children with common places and forms of entertainment.

Jan said, "I wish everyone could go to the school at least once. It's quite an experience and I'm sure most everyone would enjoy it. It's very rewarding personally."

Dramatists To Present "Arsenic and Old Lace"

"Arsenic and Old Lace" will be the spring production of the Washington High School drama depart-

The play "Arsenic and Old Lace" is about two very, very sweet old ladies who have three nephews.

Under the leadership of Mr. Wayne Filmer and Mr. William Hunter, sponsors, 139 seniors and juniors were initiated into the National Honor Society in the school auditorium Tuesday, Feb. 25.

The senior members are:

Mary Ahart, Sven Alstrom, Christine Anton, Jane Applebury, Shar-

Michael Bollin, Claudette Brame, Steven Breedlove, Michael Bukaty, Ellen Burkin, Elizabeth Carson, Barbara Claybrooks, Anne Cox. Laura Davidson, Beverly Delladio, Margaret Eberle, Virginia Everett.

Marsha Foster, Claudia Gloe. Elaine Grantham Tommy Gun-

Maristela Artola, Mary Acinger, on Baker, James Baughman, Susan Becker, Helen Behmann, Nancy Bell, Cynthia Bender.

One nephew is insane, one believes he is Theodore Roosevelt, and the other is normal. When one of the nephews moves out the two old ladies rent out their extra room to renters. When the people come to rent the room the old ladies question them about their families and if they are happy or not. If they find out they are not happy they poison them because if they are dead they will be happy. This goes on for quite a while and the two old ladies are never even suspected because everyone in their town believes they are such sweet, kind old ladies.

Finally the nephew who is insane and believes that he is Theodore Roosevelt is committed and the two old ladies go with him to the asylum to stay. The town never knows about the people who came to stay at the old ladies' house and ended up buried in their basement. The town believes that they are so devoted to their nephew that they decided to stay with him.

'Tripped-Out' Guru Helps To Classify WHS Students

As lofty seniors it has been our opportunity to observe the different types of students which appear daily in the halls of Washington. Following are scientific conclusions developed from years of close scrutiny and careful observation of that rare specimen known as the STUDENT.

Students can be classified by many categories, sub-categories, and sub-sub-categories. Only a few can be considered have harrowen A well recent

more commonly known as the egotist. He can be easily singled out by his loud voice echoing over a crowd proclaiming, "Hev everybody, here's your chance! You can touch my fantastic body and today I'm only charging a dime!" Reaction is usually nil, mainly caused by the difficulty of climbing the pedestal on which the egotist has enshrined himself. Also helpful in identifying a member

KUDL Sponsors Local Scholarship

KUDL and the Wornall Bank present the opportunity for one junior or senior to win up to \$1,000 for further education.

Enter by doing whatever you do best. Write an essay, poem or speech, paint a picture, compose a song or a symphony, take a picture, create a piece of sculpture, express your message to America in one of these ways, or any other way you think appropriate. One

conducted by 17 wellknown deep sea divers, three Eskimos on their way to the South Sea Islands and one tripped-out guru definitely concluded that basically the students at WHS can be divided into two major categories: the boy and the girl. Now that the preliminary obstacle is out of the way we can get down to a more detailed study.

Number one and probably most noticeable early in the morning is the "Open-eyed But Unaware Sleep-walker." You can identify him by the lack of comprehension on his face and his development through the hour into the "Open-eyed and Suddenly Aware Nombulist." The state is highlighted by his sudden, "Mommy, where's my orange juice?" halfway through class. Congratulate him. He is finally becoming aware that he is not still in bed at home.

The second division of this extensive study is the well known state of Egoclanarism,

sign hanging around his neck proclaiming "I'm King of America—who are you?"

Another prominent but perhaps unnoticed division is the Kamakazi type "Study or Die" student. Usually no one remembers what this student looks like, because since first grade he's been buried behind a book. Sometimes, if you're lucky, you might see an occasional glimpse of him as he comes up for air. "Study or Die" usually is either short and fat (looks like a walking basketball) or tall and skinny (turns sideways and disappears), wears glasses with bottle-bottoms for lenses, and finishes his 300-page term paper two days after the assignment is made.

Above are three of the more common types of students found at Washington. Do you find yourself fitting some of the characteristics? Oh well, we can't all be perfect.

—by Elaine Grantham and Linda Rostow

Your entry will be judged by a panel of distinguished judges who will select the winning entry on a basis of: expressiveness, originality, imagination, compatibility with theme, talent displayed, potential implied.

All literary efforts should be typewritten, if possible. Taperecorded selections should be at 7½ I.P.S. or 3¾ I.P.S. Art or photographs should be finished, ready to hang, but not necessarily framed. Sculpture should be delivered ready to display.

All entries should be sent or delivered to "Youth Message to America" to one of the following locations: KUDL, 6230 Eby, Shawnee Mission, Kansas, or The Wornall Bank, 79th and Wornall, Kansas City, Mo. Entries must be received before May 1, 1969. Winners will be announced May 17, 1969. All entries become the property of the Wornall Bank.

Human Relations Group Hopes to Bridge Gap

Monday, March 3, marked the beginning of Washington High School's Human Relations Society.

Mrs. Jean Pavela from the Commission on Human Relations of Kansas City, Kansas, was guest speaker.

"I am encouraged to see such a large group here," she said of

Washington's meeting.

The founders of the program at our school are Sheryl Dailey, Lesola Morgan, Sharon Porteous and Floydetta McAfee, all juniors.

Teacher sponsors for the club are Mr. Thomas Curtley, Mr. Francis Jacobs and Mr. Allan Miller.

The club's goal is to "bridge

the gap of understanding between various racial, ethnic and religious groups through open discussions."

Mrs. Pavela said, "It is going to be difficult to bridge the gap of understanding. It is going to take people that are dedicated and interested."

The Human Relations Society will not collect membership fees this year. By next year, the society should be developed into a full-fledged club with a genuine purpose and goal.

As Mrs. Pavela pointed out, "Generations before have shrugged these problems off . . . young people have a willingness to look at the problems."

ther, Jennifer Hansen, Don Haussler, James Hawkins, Mark Kerr, Koral Klemmer, Cordelia Koontz, Annette Laaser, Kay Lallier, Anna Lavering, Linda Laws.

Michael Lewis, Mary Lind, Barbara Lisher, Brenda Lucero, Glenn Lyons, Carol Martin, Kay McCulloch, Genevieve Meditz, John Menaugh, Brad Merritt, Kathleen Mihelic, Linda Miller, Mary Miller.

Sandra Miller, Catherine Moon, William Moore, Rebecca Morgan, Joyce Neerman, Charles Neumer, Vicki Norris, William Palaskas, Rita Paver, Joseph Perry, Howard Peters, Nickie Neterson, Beverly Pew. David Ponder, William Pyle, Judy Ragan, Linda Ristow,.

Robert Rodgers, Teresa Rogers, Janice Rosewicz, Marsha Rusbarsky, Linda Savner, Robert Schult, John Selix, Jeri Short, Robert Sillin, Diane Smith, Jane Smith, Nancy Smith, Gwen Sprague, Richard Stines, Kathy Story,

Diane Stramerl, Thomas Strothman, Loretta Swavne, Sheri Thistlethwaite, Dan Tillman, Brenda Trent. Harold VanDaVeer, Susan Vernon, Christine Vodopest, Joseph Ward, Linda Ware, Marla Watson.

Teresa Weil, Randy Whitlock, Gerald Williams, John Wilson, Kathy Yancey.

Junior members are:

Jane Altenhofen, Elaine Backman, James Berry, Roy Breedlove, Teri Brown, Frank Chance, Linda Childs, Becky Clary, Susan Debonis, David Dunfield, Eileen Ellis, Dale Hacker, Diana Hogland.

William House, Bonnie Jackson, Diane Kepler, William Laaser, Janet Lepo, Richard Lindberg, Marsha Longabach, Bonnie Luscombe, Martin Lyons, Rebecca Mc-Kellips, Daniel Mock.

Lesele Morgan, Deborah Palmer, Joel Payne, Sharon Porteous, Kathleen Ralston, Jack Ratcliff, Denise Smithey, Donna Smithey, Marjorie Snyder, Patricia Spehar, Susan Tabor, Kathryn Tichenor, Martha Tucker, Donna Wheeler.

Acts for the 1969 Wildcat Review were chosen on Friday. Feb.

28. Seventeen acts were chosen to perform on April 11.

The leaders and their acts are as follows: Kathy and Mary Mehelic, tap and jazz dancing; Cardelia Bradley, singing; Denny Mc-Neil, folk singer; Cecil Hercey. band; Mitzi Schebin, skit; Stephen Mendon, folk singing; Lee Ann Somers, Charleston; Joanie Lindbergh, solo; Mary Elder, dance; Cheryl Hodges, comedy song; Teronda Smith, dellrees. Olios, in between acts, for the night will be Debbie Turner, comedy skits; Keith Gosney, duet, Debbie Schreiner, skit. The masters of ceremonies for the festivities will be Chris and Jim Baughman, the Sundowners.

Rehearsals for the Wildcat Review will end March 25. The performance is on April 11.

Students Attend Contest

The state FBLA contest began yesterday and continues today.

The contest, held in Emporia, Kansas, is for all students who placed first, second or third in the regional contest.

The regionals were held here at Washington and the winners were announced over the intercom on the following Monday morning. Washington had many students who placed in the top three positions in the various contests, and all will participate in the state contest.

Along with Washington, most area schools will participate in the contest against schools from all over the state.

FBLA club president Dan Crum senior, said that we took third last year and maybe we'll take first this year.

Good Luck Trackmen At S-M West Quadrangular

Biafra Needs

Thousands of sick, starved children and adults aimlessly walk the streets of Biafra. Biafra is a small country in Lower Nigeria which is stubbornly fighting for secession.

The battle broke out nearly two years ago, despite the United States' efforts to negotiate. Since then, the Nigerian government has slowly taken over Biafra. Now, there are millions of diseased people existing (it would be an injustice to say living) in a cramped area cut off from outside help.

"What can the U. S. do?" is a question which has been asked all over the country. Without the help of other countries we can do nothing. Joseph Palmer, Assistant Secretary of State, in an address to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said, "The U. S. by itself cannot expect to solve this agonizing and complex problem."

Both sides, Nigerian government and Biafra, are in desperate need of relief supplies, but deep fears and suspicions have marred most efforts to reach an agreement to permit a steady flow of relief supplies.

The Nigerian government is afraid that if the U.S. or any other country sends supplies to Biafra, that arms and ammunition will enter under the disguise of shipments.

The United States wants to

form a land corridor into Biafra on which the supplies could be delivered to the Biafran government, but the Biafrans fear that the food would be poisoned by the Nigerians. Poisoning has always been a well known African method of getting rid of an enemy.

The U.S. has been trying to stay out of the raging war in Biafra due to clauses in the U.N. charter, but the humanitarian aspect of the war may soon engulf the political aspect.

So far the U.S. government has contributed \$9 million in cash and surplus food, and private voluntary organizations have contributed nearly \$3 million.

Four giant cargo planes have been sold to national church relief groups and four others were sold to the International Red Cross for only \$4,000 each. These are to be used exclusively for the shipment of food and medical supplies. This act should spur other nations to help Biafra.

Mr. Palmer feels that the U. S. should strive to obtain a land corridor into Biafra because of the limitation of air deliveries, and that the planes have only to land on air strips which are inadequate converted sections of

By doing this the U.S. could succeed in helping the thousands of dying Biafrans.

Movie Becomes Popular

"Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art thou, Romeo?" This is an excerpt from the balcony scene of the Shakespearean tragedy "Romeo and Juliet," now playing at the Brookside Theater, K. C., Mo.

"Romeo and Juliet" is the story of two young lovers who are forbidden to marry because of an old quarrel between their families. The love they have overcomes their parents' hate and they marry. Then Romeo is banished from the city for killing a young noble. In order to avoid a marriage to a count her family has arranged, Juliet drinks a potion which causes her to fall into a deathlike sleep. After she is placed in the family tomb, Romeo returns and finds Juliet and believes she is dead. Declaring his eternal love for her and his inability to live without her, Romeo drinks poison and dies. Juliet then awakens and finds his dead body. She takes his knife, stabs herself, and dies. The movie tries to show the folly of hate and how it can affect innocent bystanders.

Shakespeare wrote "Romeo and Juliet" over five centuries ago, but it still ensures entertanment to whoever sees it. The movie itself is an exquisite masterpiece, a creation that will last for many years to come. Mr. Dino Laurenti, the movie's director, selected Leonard Whiting, 17, and Olivia Hussey, 15, to portray the young lovers. The acting is unbelievably realistic and the movie-goer finds himself involved with the movie to the point of actually being there as Romeo commits suicide over Juliet's body or as the two lovers embrace on the balcony. And this is the mark of an immortal moviethe ability of the viewer to identify with the characters portrayed. This is a movie that satisfies this requirement and many more.

Senior Notes Changes in Friends From Kindergarten to Graduation

This is an interview with a typical senior (name withheld) considering his views of changes noticed in friends from the past twelve years.

W (Washingtonian): What is the most picturesque and clearly visible changes you've noticed in your friends, either male or female?

S (Senior): Well, I guess, it's really hard to say. On the part of the girls, each year since kindergarten, most of them have gone brave and raised their skirts an inch each year. Actually though, the most astounding change, comparing then and now, is that I've seen their teeth go straight and their hair change from black to blonde to brown in three easy les-

Student Grief Lack Purposes

Day after day we open up our newspapers and read column after column about students who present their gripes about an unstable and insecure society.

The question concerning these protests and complaints becomes: What alternative do the students offer other than the status quo? What rights can they handle and which ones have they proven themselves worthy of? It seems that the hard-core protesters, the hippies and all-around useless people fear that the world will not be here tomorrow. The threat of the bomb and the tensions which are taking place in our ever-crumbling

W: How do you witness their tendencies to conform to society?

S: Most of my friends have failed to conform. However, they have 'fit in,' which doesn't necessarily mean they conformed. Earlier in school, everyone had to have their own little groups that did everything together all the time, especially in junior high. Now there's so much of so many different things to do that young people have seemed to grow more and more independent. Consequently, they have more of different types of friends.

W: Is there anything you particularly like about knowing a person for a considerable length of

S: Yes, it's beneficial, because I know what to expect and can prepare for their moods.

W: Do you feel anything now for your friends you didn't feel before that displeases you?

S: Definitely it has to be disgust. They let me down at the most inconvenient times.

W: Do you and others attend social activities more with people vou've kiown many years, or otherwise?

S: Well, no, except for my very closest friends, I seldom even do more than speak to the other people I've known for a long time. Most guys don't date girls they've known for a while simply because "I've known her so long, she's more like a sister and I sure wouldn't take out my sister." The girls, accordingly, suffer; the guys don't ask them.

W: The Washingtonian wishes to thank you for your cooperation in talking with us today.

Court Rulings Affect People Worldwide

Washington High School students a more common incident. For in-

In its never-ending effort to keep ciple can probably be applied to

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improve what they already have. If the wighte of students are

presents this article as a source of information as to recent rulings of courts, both in the U. S. and in foreign countries, which might serve as guidelines to the students.

This first word of warning goes to you who tend to hit the firewater a little too hard. A court in Hayes, England, ruled that if a drunken person attempts to push his car home instead of trying to drive it, he may still be convicted of drunken driving. Well, they weren't planning to have the graduation party in England anyhow.

Speaking of driving, it seems that a man in Fresno, California, was brought before a local magistrate for speeding. The violator pleaded that he had been in a hurry to get home because he was to have shish-kabob that night for dinner. The judge (probably a vegetarian) not only fined him, but forbade him to eat shish-kabob for two weeks.

The national health service in England decided that a person is not entitled to a new set of false teeth if he loses his first set attempting to escape the police. Although not too many people our age have to worry about losing their fake choppers, the same prin-

some guy's wheels and he comes out and puts three loads of number 7½ shot into your fleeing person, it's unlikely that you will be able to make him patch up the seat of your stretch Levis. It's all in the books, man.

Seriously though, it seems that the courts have been slowly encroaching upon the civil liberties which have among other things enabled this country to attain its position as economic leader of the world. A recent court decision, handed down in New England, is a case in point. The decision is a step toward the complete stifling of the American sense of competition, a freedom held amost as dear to American hearts as apple pie (or was it pineapple upside-down cake?). At any rate when a local grocery store put up signs reading: "Watch out - nudists crossing ahead" in order to attract the attention of passing motorists, the court ordered the signs taken down, in a clear and brazen insult to our concept of free enterprise.

The Washingtonian will continue to strive to bring any further cases to light which are of any consequence to its readers.

-by Mike Lewis

'Lupus Vulgarius' Lingers in Halls; Motive and Meaning, Unknown

"I'll drink to that!" was sophomore Clara Manczuk's reply when she was asked what her reaction to being called a lupus vulgarius would be.

Approximately five years ago a story appeared in the Washingtonian in which thirty students were asked what they would do if they were called a lupus vulgarius. Two out of the thirty felt they were complimented, seven couldn't care less and the rest felt insulted.

This year, none of the students and teachers questioned felt complimented; they all reacted unfavorably and felt they were being insulted. Ron Snapp, sophomore, had a quick comeback with, "I'd call them a hystedactyl rumpus."

Others put their reactions quite clearly.

Debbie Barker, junior, replied, "It takes one to call one!"

"I'd call them some no, no's," Bob Weathers calmly stated.

Mr. Jerald Heidrich, English teacher, thought a moment before deciding, "I'd go ask the Latin teacher what it means."

Some took a neutral attitude about the whole thing. Chris Berlin, junior, asked, "Should I take it as a compliment or an insult?"

Sophomore Carol Brand answered, "First, I don't know what

the viewer breathless after it ends, unable to say anything. To describe "Romeo and Juliet" is like trying to tell why new-fallen snow is beautiful. You don't ask why, you just enjoy it. And to not enjoy "Romeo and Juliet" is impossible.

-by Linda Ristow

Visitations Held

For the last two weeks fourteen members of Future Teachers of America (FTA) have been visiting area schools observing teachers instructing classes in everything from math and science to music and art. Visitations have been an annual event for FTA members for the past few years.

FTA visitations were held March 4, 6, 11 and 13. Club members traveled to both Coronado and Arrowhead Junior High Schools observing classes which they felt would benefit them in their future profession of teaching. Each participant has selected a certain field which he would like to teach at some time in the future.

Visitations give everyone participating a chance to actually see a teacher at work, and to discover how different teachers present similar materials in lessons. But generally visitations will present a chance to find out just what being a teacher will mean to the individual and if it is the right profession for him to enter later.

Helen Behmann, senior and secretary of FTA, made this comment about visitations: "I think that everyone benefits from this particular experience. It is one that all future teachers should undergo before making their final decision to enter the profession."

it means, but I suppose that I would get mad."

As a whole, students took it quite good naturedly even though a few felt they were being greatly insulted. the minds of thousands of youths.

The strange thing about the protests on the campuses is that these youths are spending thousands of dollars trying to secure an education while they devote much of their time to protesting. They make protests of injustice and lack of freedom on the campuses. Some of them even go so far as to try to take over the administration. If they can't succeed as students, how in the world are they going to have time to run the campus with its many tasks?

If they have ideas of improving a certain area of concern they should by all means present them to the high officials. They can go about it in an orderly manner, however. Tearing up buildings and having sit-ins are not going to going to be presented and recognized, it must be done in a civil manner. Our education system is not perfect but it has served well throughout the years and until a better way is found we must make the best and improve what we already have.

The tensions are great. However, by working in a constructive and responsible way students can work to improve our society.

-by Bob Thomas

Good Luck FBLA

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Commandments for Students

Following are a group of commandments for all Wildcats:

- 1. Thou shalt not sleep after a lecture. Either you start to sleep at the beginning of the hour or you stay awake.
- 2. Thou shalt not throw purses or books out of the windows if the teacher is in the room. Do it while the students and the teacher are out of the room.
- 3. Thou shalt not trample thy fellow students; just push and shove.
- 4. Thou shalt bestow great gifts of friendship on thy girlfriend's friends. (Hey! Don't overdo it.)
- 5. Thou shalt lend a helping hand to thy neighbor: passing along homework, test answers, etc.
 - 6. Thou shalt not befriend an-

other for someone else because they're cooler—only because they have more money.

- 7. Thou shalt be attentive during interesting conversations; especially about people you know or would like to know.
- 8. Thou shalt bring thy homework to school on time or as soon as you find, steal or borrow it.
- 9. Thou shalt not skip school more than three times—unless you want to be expelled.
- 10. Thou shalt not argue with any teacher. They always have the facts to win every argument.
- 11. Thou shalt be orderly in the lunch lines—until after you've paid for the lunch.
 - 12. Thou shalt try to understand

the problems of teachers. They're human too and they have to put up with us.

- 13. Thou shalt not try to cheat on exams; 55 percent have tried and 55 percent have been caught.
- 14. Thou shalt not take advantage of looking at someone else's paper, even if it is on your desk.
- 15. Thou shalt not tamper with lockers. But if you find anything interesting in mine, tell me and I'll split it with you.
- 16. Thou shalt not slide down bannister rails in between classes—only during class.
- 17. Thou shalt be kind to bus drivers—some parents or friends can't afford the gas or time to drive you to school every day.
- 18. Thou shalt only write notes when you're sure you won't get caught.
- 19. Thou shalt not talk more than six hours a night on the phone.
- 10. Thou shalt destroy this column either by fire, crumpling, tearing it out for future reference (HA!), or by eating it.

Fairy Corner

Once upon a time in a far-off country, there lived a girl by the name of Snow White. Snow was the daughter of the king of the country; she had no mother.

Well, it seems that the king decided to get married. He dated many gals but decided to marry a beautiful woman named Helen.

Queen Helen had a magic mirror that could talk. The mirror always told the truth. Queen Helen, being very vain, would ask the mirror, "Mirror, mirror on the wall, who's the studdest one of all?" The mirror would always answer, "Queen, queen in the hall, you're the studdest gal of all."

Well, as Snow White got older, she got to lookin' pretty good. One day when she was nearing 39 (that's age kids!) the queen asked her mirror, "Mirror, mirror on the wall, who's the studdest one

get rid of Snow White. The queen thought and thought about what she could do to the dear little child that would satisfy her revenge. So, after many days of thinking, she called to one of her servants and told him to take Snow White out into the woods and lose her completely. There she would starve and die, and she wouldn't be as pretty any more. So the servant obeyed.

Well, after a couple of weeks of wandering around the woods, Snow came up to a small house. Snow saw seven little beds in the house so, being tired, she laid down and fell asleep.

After a few hours the owners of the house came home. The owners were seven queer little men. (Queer also means strange or out of the ordinary, OK?)

Imagine how surprised the little

Class of '69 Suffers Blahs

All together—everyone answer, "Yes, let's blame it on Friday or the Monday blahs."

As the year progresses, various classes seem to become slower, slower and slower. Teachers become exasperated as no one offers to answer their questions. Students either sleep through lectures or sit with blank looks on their faces. Seniors have mixed feelings about their school life.

Kay Lallier comments, "Everybody is too snowed under with homework. You can see the end

Ten Years Back

Do you know what was happening ten years ago at Washington High School?

During the school year of 1958-1959 a few changes and new school rules were adopted for the good of the students. The students found that they must report into their homeroom class before school each morning.

They also had a new "on campus" rule. The students had to stay on the school grounds all day. Of course, this new rule had its drawbacks. This presented the problem of more crowds in the halls before school, more crowds in the cafeteria at lunch time, and more crowds around the bus stop after school.

The beginning of the school year brought an enrollment of 1,401 students to Washington. "Washington High School is at its peak," stated the Washingtonian about the large enrollment.

The official color of the Washington High School Pep club uni-

that have variety, the others are boring."

Bernard Terry commented, "Nobody tries as hard as they could. It's not that I don't care about my grades, it's just that I tend to be lazy."

Another student said that he felt the organization is breaking up. "I've known most of the same people for 12 years. After graduation, I'll probably only see a few of them the rest of my life."

Mike Baughman reflected, "I'm tired but not bored with school."

Whether one is bored, indifferent or lazy, patience is the characteristic needed to reach graduation. Hey—You—wake up—open the window—stand ..up—don't ...go.. to

forms were changed from the previous vivid scarlet to cardinal.

Another of the many firsts for the year of 1959 was the all-school plays, quite unlike the previous junior plays and senior plays that they replaced.

The Washington High School report cards were changed from the old familiar "booklet" type grade card to a one-page grade card. These were put out by computers. This was the first time ever that Washington High School students took home a report card that did not have pluses and minuses. It was also the first time that a student could receive a six for incomplete work.

The first year that a Wildcat directory was ever published was 1959. It was done by the Key club.

That was also the year that the traditional class rings were adopted for the junior class.

All in all, 1959 seems to be a big year for changes of all kinds.

Choir Puts On Play

The Washington High School production of "Brigadoon," by the A Cappella Choir is under the direction of Donald Wright. Assisting were: Mr. Thomas Beatty, technical director; Mr. Edwin Hosking, director of the pep band, and Mr. Edward Ellis, makeup.

Those actors portraying the leading roles were: Keith Gosney, as Tommy Albright; Steve Rehm, as Jeff Douglas; Ginger Lowder, as Liona MacLaren; La Mayra Campbell, as Meg Booker; Bill Palaskas, as Mr. Lundir; Bill Laaser, as Harry Beaton; Jerry Williams, as

"You used to look pretty stud, but Snow White makes you look like a scud!"

The queen became very upset over this and so she decided to

their beds. Imagine how surprised everyone was when they were all arrested on an immoral behavior charge!

The End.

Washington Graduate Auditions For Opera

"E Susanna non vien . . . Dono sono?" from Marriage of Figaro by Mozart and "Canzone di Doretta" from La Rondine by Puccini were the arias sung by Nancy Valentine, 1968 Washington High School graduate, in her audition for the Metropolitan Opera.

Although Nancy was under age she made it through the district competition and was chosen as one of the four winners in the Kansas City area.

She was then chosen to go to the regionals and was competing against other aspiring opera singers from Oklahoma, Missouri and Kansas. Here she was competing against people up to the age of 32.

Since the auditions were held at the University of Missouri, at Kansas City, several students from Washington went to listen to her, especially friends from her graduating class.

Mr. Ed Ellis, English teacher, said, "We were all hoping that Nancy would win. She sang gloriously, and was obviously the audience favorite, except for a man from Kansas University. But the judge (Mr. Gutman from the Met) either felt that she was too young, or was looking for a coloratura soprano (a very high soprano with a light, flexible voice), for the winner. He could not have overlooked Nancy's obvious merit. The audience applauded both her numbers long after she left the stage and Nancy presented her ability very well. She has a beautiful voice and a beautiful future in store for her."

sed but it seems a long way off."

Dan Calovich said, "I'm getting tired of some of the rules in school. I think sideburns look nice on some people. The . . . crowded cafeteria is a problem that will probably be worse next year. But in three months, I won't have to worry about them anymore."

Debbie Mansfield said, "I worry about finding a good job since there is so much competition in the outside world. I like my classes go back to sleep.

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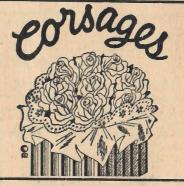
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'Cats Open Wednesday

With the 1969 baseball season just around the corner (to be exact, starting this coming Wednesday afternoon) the weatherman does not seem to be cooperating with the Wildcat baseballers.

So far, with the field in bad shape and the weather too cold, the 'Cats have not had a chance to work outside, except for exercises and light batting practice.

The only infield practice the team has taken has been in the field house, which is totally different from fielding a grounder on the turf.

The season opener for the Wildcats will be this Wednesday when they take on the Oak Park Northmen at the 3&2 Stadium, located at 53rd and Parallel.

The 'Cats will be out for revenge as the Northmen defeated last year's squad by a humiliating score of 8 to 1.

This year's schedule sees the Wildcats playing a total of six doubleheaders and three single games. Three of the doubleheaders will be played in Wildcat country against De La Salle, St. Joe Benton and Ward.

There is only one team on the schedule that the Wildcats did not face in last year's competition. St. Joe Benton has been added to the Border League competition.

All of the home games will be played at the 3&2 Stadium. St. Joe Benton replaces North Kansas City on the Wildcat schedule; NKC fell victim to the Wildcats by a score of 5 to 0.

Hosking Plans On Seven Man Varsity

"Tennis is becoming more popular every year and it is apparent by the large turnout that we have for the team this year," said tennis coach Ed Hosking.

Bill Beggs, Rick McLaughlin, George Gyulafia and Dave Dunfield (with a provisional) head the list of returning let-

Coach Hosking said that he

been done for the tennis teams at Washington.

Another new thing for the team is that the tennis courts are going to be resurfaced as soon as the weather permits.

All of the netmen's matches will be played on the opponents' courts. This is because there are only two courts in the Wildcat den.

The first match for the net-

TRACK SCHEDULE

March

20-21 S.M.W. (Quad), there State Indoor, Manhattan April

- Leavenworth, there
- Emporia Relays, there
- Pittsburg, there 11
- Wy. Co. Relays, Wyandotte 15
- Argentine, there
- 25 S.M.N. Relays, there

- Sunflower, S.M.N.
- 9 Regional, S.M.N.
- 16-17 State, Emporia

BASEBALL SCHEDULE 1969

March	
26-	-Oak

26—Oak Park	Here
April	
3—St. Joe Central	(2)There
7—Pem Day	Here

11—De La Salle (2)Here

18—Wyandotte (2)There 21-St. Joe Lafayette Here

25—Ward (2) Here 29—Sumner (2)There

May

7 and 8-Regional Tournament

Wolfe Mentions Success

Winning Not in Plans

Head track coach Clayton Wolfe is not hoping for a win-

ning season.

Strange as this may sound, there is a logical explanation. The track team is in many tournaments ranging in size from quadrangulars to large tourneys with ten or more schools represented. With so many schools competing, in order to "win" a team must beat all the other schools.

Realistically speaking, Coach Wolfe hopes for a "successful" season. This means he wants to improve over last year's scores, times and distances.

According to Coach Wolfe, a successful season is very possible.

The team numbers around 73 athletes. Approximately 85 started. The group left is 15 stronger than last year.

In comparison, Shawnee

Mission South has 160 boys out and Shawnee Mission West has 150. Both schools will be tough to beat simply because they will have so much talent to choose from.

The intangible thing called team spirit seems stronger this year. Most of the boys are working hard and the runners and weight-men come in three times a week in the morning for extra workouts.

"The coaches are more dedicated than in past years and this reflects on the boys." Coach Wolfe stated also that he feels he has the best coaching staff ever.

"I think most of the boys we have left will stay out," he said. "These are the type that will work and sacrifice to achieve something."

Mike Bukaty and Roy Phillips make up the javelin squad. This will probably be the strongest field event because both are lettermen.

The shot and discus have the potential to break the school's records in their event also.

"We have the three Mikes in the sprints: Turbak, Burton and Sharp."

The number one candidate in distance running events will be Tom Strothman. Coach Wolfe feels he is working hard and will do a real good job.

The hurdling squad is gathering strength and is improving. Three hurdlers were mentioned: Red Sharp, Greg Barner and John Harris.

The team finishes up their first meet today. Shawnee Mission West is sponsoring a quadrangular with Topeka

Basketball Coach Talks on Golf

Starting his first season as golf coach, Frank Lee, also the basketball mentor, embarks on the upcoming season with an optimistic attitude.

"If everybody comes through for us we should have a pretty good team,' Coach Lee said.

Returning lettermen are Jerry Webb, junior, who is small in size but carries a powerful drive; seniors Dave Brewer, Jim Hawkins and Bob cation rounds with the top boys playing."

Although a full schedule has not been drawn up, the golfers will travel to Manhattan March 28 and to Lawrence April 2 in the first two meets of the year.

"The strongest team in the league is Shawnee Mission South, who returns their fourman team which took state

varsity squad this year. At the present time there are two sophomores who are on the varsity squad. By processes of challenging and eliminating. Bob Everett and Jim Moore have worked their way to the big time.

Other prospects for the team are juniors Chris Gibson and Bill Laaser. The top prospects for the class of '71 at the present time are Tom Love, Tom Foster, Russ Casemore and Don Crum.

The tennis team will be aided by two managers, who will take care of all the equipment and do all of the work. Ron Snapp and Gene Taylor get the job of being managers.

Coach Hosking said this about the daily workouts, "The weather has been rather bad and we really can't get started until it gets a little warmer out. The workouts have consisted mostly of working on flndamentals, as well as running and calisthenics to get into physical shape. Everyone is working hard and the spirit is high."

There are many new things about this year's tennis team. The school has purchased new uniforms for the matches and they have also bought practice warmups which has never

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men win be on march 25 when they will travel to Shawnee Mission South. On Friday the 28th, the Lancers from Shawnee Mission East will try to subdue the Wildcats.

Coach Hosking had this to say, "Shawnee Mission South is the team that should challenge SM East for the Sunflower title and both matches will be tough ones."

Lawrence is a new entry to the Sunflower League and this year will be the first time that the Wildcats have faced the Lions in tennis competi-

Hahn return to carry the Wildcat hopes. Sophomore Mark Coble lends his talent to this year's squad. "Coble can probably beat some of our lettermen," Coach Lee said.

Practice started last Tuesday at Victory Hills Country Club. Currently there are 21 boys practicing, but Lee stated he would have to cut down to 10 or 12 members.

"I plan on having a four as well as a two-man team," Lee said. "We'll have qualifilast year," Lee said.

With strong performances by each member of the team the Wildcats should finish towards the top in every meet.

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