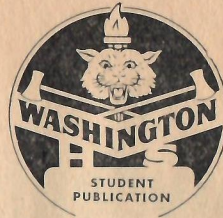


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## School's Future -- Topic of Assembly

The future of W.H.S. will be under discussion Dec. 10. On that date an all-school assembly will be held for the purpose of supporting the upcoming school bond election.

The assembly originated in the Student Congress. Chris Rayl, junior, brought up the idea of having the assembly. It was discussed, and then a committee, headed by Chris Rayl, was formed to look into it further. Then it was later voted on and passed.

When asked why he felt the assembly was so important, Chris Rayl replied, "Because the students need to be informed; also they can have a great effect on the adults of the community." Later on he replied, "It's interesting to see when the student becomes interested, they can also interest their parents and get them out to vote."

Dr. O. L. Plucker, Superintendent of Schools, is to be the speaker. He will talk about the bond itself and other issues involved.

There will be two assemblies taking up part of second hour and most of third hour, according to Paul Palmer, vice-principal. When asked if he was for the idea and if he thinks the assembly will work in its purpose he replied with a big "definitely."



(photo by Ron Cheyney)

**MR. ROBERT NEILL, WHS principal, was "speechless" Friday, Nov. 21 when he received a large birthday cake from Washington students. Mr. Neill gave slices of cake to faculty members including Mr. Tom Curtley.**

## Twins Capture Optimist Award

The Noon Optimist Club of Kansas City, Kansas, recently awarded Denise and Donna Smithey, seniors, each \$150 scholarships. The twins received the award on November 10, at a luncheon given by the club at the Holiday Inn on Minnesota Avenue in Kansas City, Kansas.

The contest called for one person to write a letter of recommendation about another person, telling why, in his or her opinion, this certain person is eligible for the scholarship. In their case, Donna wrote the letter about

Denise. Donna won for being the author of the letter and Denise for being the subject.

The only requirements for the scholarship was that the applicant be an outstanding student in the opinion of the person who composes the recommendation and that the letter be a minimum of 500 words.

Denise's leadership qualities and great personality, along with her 99% score on the National Merit Scholarship test, formed the basis of Donna's letter.

## Career Night Set For Seniors

The termination of homeroom for the 1969-70 school year has produced a problem concerning introduction of the schools, armed services and businesses in the surrounding area for graduating seniors.

To make up for this inconvenience, Washington High School has designated the night of December 8 as Career Night.

From 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., all WHS seniors will be given the opportunity to visit up to five of their choices of interest which will concern them after graduation.

The colleges and vocational schools that will be represented are: The University of Kansas, Kansas State University, Washburn College, St. Mary's College, Ottawa and Baker Universities, K.C.K. Community Junior College, Kansas State Teachers' College at

Emporia, Kansas State College at Pittsburg, Donnelly College, Wichita State University, St. Benedict's College, Vocational Technical School of Kansas City, the Apprentice Information Center, Kansas Technical Institute, Central Tech, and K. C. Business College.

Also being represented are four of the armed services: The Marines, Air Force, Army, and Navy. Two business firms from the Kansas City area, Hallmark Cards and the Telephone Company, will be present.

Each representative will be given a room in the west wing of the school building and there will be three time intervals of 30 minutes for discussion with students as well as parents.

Even though the student has not made any decision as to his future, he is urged to attend at this time.

## Debaters Take First at Topeka

by Cheryl Karros

Roy Breedlove and Joe Farmer placed first in the debate tournament at Topeka High School. This is the third time in a row Roy has been in first place.

"It's a satisfying feeling to win in debate, because you know that you have done adequate research and that you know what you're talking about," Roy commented.

Joe feels that the greatest sensation in winning in debate is knowing that you won for Washington. He explains himself by comparing debate to football.

"A lot of people who don't know too much about football go to the games simply because the team represents our school.

"The debate squad represents our school, too. It doesn't matter if

you don't know too much about debate, as long as you realize that we're representing Washington."

Debate students feel that Mr. J. B. Gould is an excellent coach.

"Mr. Gould provides motivation for his students to want to win. His spirit, enthusiasm, and his availability make him a very good coach," Roy stated.

Roy explained how the school's reputation for a good debate squad helps.

"When we win, we're winning not only for ourselves, but for the squad. When we win it promotes pride and spirit and the squad tries harder. When we try harder we win more, and when we win the other schools become afraid of us. The schools that aren't afraid of us should be."

# Students Display Intelligence By Receiving High Marks

Did I make the honor roll? lie ley, Lesale Morgan, Deborah Mux Maple, Debra Marney, Debra Mar- Mark Guttler, Roxanna H. H.



Wonder no more! At last it has been released.

The honor roll consists of three divisions. Number one division is made up of those students who made straight one's.

Next comes the Superior Honor Roll which consists of those students who received a grade average from 1.1 to 1.33 and making no grade under a three.

Last there is the Secondary Honor Roll which consists of those grades from 1.34 to 2.0 average and no grade under a three.

The honor list for the first nine weeks' grading period is as follows:

Those who have straight 1's are:

**SENIORS:** Linda Childs, Eileen Ellis, Janet Lepo, Marsha Longabach, Joel Payne, Sharon Porteous, Marjorie Snyder, Susan Tabor, Donna Wheeler.

**JUNIORS:** Paula Brashears, Cinda Miller, Alice Mullin, Amy Neumer, Jean Pintar, Mark Whitaker.

**SOPHOMORES:** Patricia Porter, Linda Shrewsbury.

Those on the Superior Honor Roll are:

**SENIORS:** Elaine Beckman, Roy Breedlove, Teri Brown, Cindy Dennis, Davis Dunfield, Chester Handzel, Diana Hogland, Bonnie Jackson, William Laaser, Linda Ogburn, Deborah Palmer, Christine Rosewicz, Denise Smithey, Patricia Spehar, Virginia Sublett, Jenee Vickers.

**JUNIORS:** Lucia Allen, Kathie Coons, Janet Cordill, Deanna Deladio, Robert Everett, Kevin Fowell, Gregory Folsom, Waynette Hargus, Alan Hicks, Danny Ingram, Theresa Johnson, Susan Keltner, Cathy Kistler,

Margaret Lind, Janelle Losh, Peggy Maddux, Leah McKellips, Mary Mihelic, Karen Poole, Beth Rohning, Deborah Shay, Michael Sherrill, Becky Stewart, Thomas Taylor, Jan Townsend, Renae Vance, Michael Wardrop, Lora Watson, Mark Whitaker, Joy Wy-

low, Shari Newby, Christina Blackaby, Lynn Bortka, Michael Childs, Joseph Corum, Toni Cramer, Jan DeMoss, Eric Hedstrom, Charles Hill, Debbie Hopson, Nancy Isaac, Cynthia Jester, Cheryl Karros, Cheryl King,

Deborah Langdon, Debbie Lewis, Sharon Millsap, Robert Moore, Cathy Russell, Debra Seeman, Stephen Supica, Sandra Tabor.

Those on the Secondary Honor Roll are:

**SENIORS:** Patricia Adam, Thomas Allen, Martin Allison, Jane Altenhofen, Leslie Anderson, Marla Anzek, Gregory Barner, Liz Beckett, Elaine Beckman, James Berry, Ruth Birge, Valarie Biscanin, Janice Blanton,

Carol Bloodgood, Craig Boddington, Kathleen Boyd, Gary Brammer, Ellen Brewood, Dennis Brown, Janis Brune, Edith Buehler, Lee Ann Bukaty, Theresa Burch, Debbie Burris, Kathleen Carley, Brenda Carr, Ronald Cheney, Becky Clary, Robert Cofer,

Peter Cooper, Constance Corbett, James Cox, Greta Crockett, Catherine Crowder, Janet Crowder, Deane Dagley, Sheryl Dailey, Marvin Davidson, Linda Davis, Susan Debonis, Susan DeShazer, Linda Dodson, George Dome,

John Dragoo, Candace Dunn, Becky Ellis, Juanita Erwin, Janet Evans, Laurel Farber, Joseph Farmer, Melinda Fennema, David Fisher, Donna Frank, Marcella Gladney, Edward Gosling, Norma Goss, Wanda Groves, Dale Hacker,

Cheryl Hammack, Rickey Hartford, John Hill, Patricia Hobbs, Debra Holter, Ronald Hoppock, William House, Rose Isabell, Bruce Jackson, Donna Jaedicke, Danny Jansen, Brenda Jolley, Rebecca Karl, Steven Keltner, Diane Kepler, Eunie Kim, Phillip Kinder,

Judy King, Patrick Kirby, Marilyn Klaudt, Brenda Lewis, Richard Lindberg, Laura Lockerby, Deborah Lowe, Martin Lyons, Ora Martindale, Rebecca McKellips, Dennis McNeil, John Meditz, Cynthia Mon-

Rebecca Novak, Michael O'Donnell, Diane Organ, Jo Anne Ozbolt, Frederick Patton, Cindy Pendergraft, Kathy Placke, Terry Poole, Clinton Powell, Kathleen Price, Kathleen Ralston, Janet Rasmussen, Edward Reitemeier, Ethel Rentschler, Vicki Rhodes, Beverly Rimel, Joan Riojas, Debra Seeger, Wayne Siegert, Denise Siner, George Smith, Linda Smith.

Donna Smithey, Marcia Staponski, Carolyn Stimetz, Robert Strohmeier, Wayne Theroff, Robert Thomas, Marsha Thompson, Kathryn Tichenor, Bonnie Tillman, Martha Tucker, Marion Vanrest, Patricia Vodopost, Nancy Wardwell, Diana Werner, Shermie Wiehe, Daniel Woodell.

**JUNIORS:** Joe Abbott, Jannifer Adams, Denise Asbury, Donald Ash, David Bailey, Christine Baughman, Patti Beckman, Sharon Benskin, Cindy Black, Cardelia Bradley, Henry Brame, Debbie Brock, Terri Brunsky, Gina Budy, Donna Burdolski, Kevin Carver,

Russell Casemore, Dennis Clyde, Nancy Comstock, Patricia Delarosa, Lynn Devlin, Karen Eaton, Gerald Eger, Mark Eklund, Catherine Elson, Debra Ettinger, Shelley Evans, Ingrid Flanagan, Thomas Foster, Eugene Friday, Michael Fuller, Jodie Fund, Jon Gander,

Elizabeth Garnett, Mark Gaster, Elaine Gilkison, Jimmy Goeffert, Suzanne Graves, Cheryl Green, Michael Haldiman, Jeanie Hall, Stephen Hallier, Suzanne Harding, Linda Harris, Brent Harrison, Lois Hartford, Cheryl Hays, Donna Heer,

Michele Hilgers, Brenda Hill, Ellen Hitt, Cheryl Hodges, David Hurrelbrink, Sharon Ingram, William Irvin, Judy Jacks, Kathie Jeselnik, Anita Johnson, Vickie Keith, Rickey Kempker, Linda Knopsnyder, Mary Koontz, Kevin Koran, Joseph Kraly, Candace Lamar, Teresa Lasiter,

Marla Lisher, Stanley Loftiss, Alan Lovitt, Cheryl Lynn, Debra

lyn, Mary Martin, Gaye Masopust, Royceann Mather, Kenton McCord, Beverly McCullough, Kevin Mellenbruch, Robert Mendenhall, Sandra Mercer, Mark Miller, Neil Miller, Jimmy Moore, Reginald Moss, Mary Noland, Barbara Nowak, Cheryl Oden, Vicki Olson, Kathleen Orendac, Joanne Palaskas, Kevin Patrick, Ronald Perry, Becky Petersen, Judy Pinkerton, Karen Placke, Angela Pothetes,

Patricia Quinn, Chris Rayl, Louis Rexrode, Debra Rice, Dianne Richards, George Rider, Rickey Roberts, Mary Roddy, Deborah Rollheiser, Beverly Sager, Kathleen Sajwaj, Rebecca Sanders, Diane Saul, Jeffrey Schult, Martha Sherwin, Shirley Smith,

Ronald Snapp, Lee Ann Somers, Linda Stanturf, Karen Stauch, Mary Ann Stokes, Jeffrey Storer, Betty Strown, Joyce Swegle, Gene Taylor, Barbara Thomas, Thomas Trowbridge, Roy Vance, James Vanhoozer, Mara Vanluchene,

Barbara Verbene, Denise Walker, Nancy Walker, Patricia Wallace, Sally Watts, Marla Welker, Denise West, Beth Whittier, Glee Whitton, Michael Wileman, Kerry Willis, Martha Wilson, Tom Wilson, Karen Wing, Michael Winzenried, Nancy Woods, Eric Worner, Kathleen Zager.

**SOPHOMORES:** Martha Adams, Stephanie Antos, Terry Barnes, Steven Beck, Cynthia Beers, Robert Befort, Karen Bennett, Carol Bird, Kathleen Bondank, Sheri Bornholdt, Elizabeth Boro, Kim Bowman, Sarah Brame, Sharon Bray, Leota Buford,

Sarah Burnett, Leslie Capp, Sandra Caswell, Cynthia Cigich, Deborah Clary, Regine Cloughley, Judy Connell, Gary Cooke, Sue Anne Cooper, Thomas Crilly, Neal Davis, Janet Erwin, Marilyn Evans, Ronald Falwell, Stephanie Finley, Jill Flint, Debra Ford,

Rose Forrest, Hezekiah French, Amy Friday, Linda Frost, Kevin Gilbert, Cathy Godard, Gary Grisham, Janice Gunkel, Danny Gurba,

David Harden, Martha Harris, Stacey Harvey, James Heer, Sandra Hickman, Mark Hicks, Dianne Hill, Allen Hobbs, Marsha Hoendorf, Joseph Hohendorf, Carolyn Hosking, Carlis House, Kerry Howlett, Bruce Huber, William Hutton, Dean Jackson, Pamela Jamison, Mark Jarvis,

Debra Jaskot, Sheree Johnson, Patty Johnston, Patricia Jolliff, Cheryl Jones, Stephen Jones, Larry Judy, Teresa Kalcic, Thomas Kaul, Harold Keightley, Jerilynn Kersten, Kylene Klemmer, Deborah Kling, Mark Kolich,

Gregory Laaser, Marc Laney, Patricia Leibler, Larry Lewis, Richard Lind, Carolyn Lindelow, Duane Lynnes, Sandra Manwaren, James Marion, Vicki Markley, Gloria Massing, Teresa Medley, Linda Melton, Steven Miller, Linda Millich, Marilyn Monroe,

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## Letters Question Editorial

# Moratorium Brings Out Students' Opinions

Dear Editors and Staff,

I am not able to direct this letter to the person responsible for the article "Nation Displays Feelings on War."

Not too long ago, there was an underground paper written called the "George." The editors were torn down and their reputations hurt, for many reasons, one which was because the editors of each article did not put their names on each article. May I suggest that from now on you do the same. When you print the opinion of someone such as "It also amuses Me" that these students believe that you will please show your source, so we the readers can judge if the article and author have any real knowledge or if they're just showing off their profound ignorance.

My second point was that if the author had a basic understanding of the Moratorium he would not have said that the students believe to have more wisdom than our leaders in Washington, in wanting peace. Why not try reading U. S. News and World Report or Time? If this person did this he would read of the President's letter to Ho Chi Minh; of the four college professors that helped organize the moratorium; the congressional leaders that backed it up. But I'm sure that the author of "Nation Displays Feelings on War" has thoroughly researched his topic, so as to inform us, the ignorant, of our mistake in wanting peace. "The audacity of some people!"

A minority that I know of, and myself are upset with this article. We would like to believe in what was told to us by Mr. Neill, that the school paper is not prejudiced, but a free press. The article you have written has a sense of unfairness. It also does not seem

look at the letter point by point. Kostus seemed a bit unhappy when the story was run without a by-line. This policy of dispensing with the by-line has been an editorial policy since the beginning of the year. This writer seems to, all of a sudden, be in an uproar. This writer should have disagreed with this policy if it bothered him at the beginning of the year. All the newspaper staff can assume by the student body's silence is that they agree with our policy. On top of this there was no attempt to obscure my name. A simple question would have gotten you my name and probably any other information you wanted, but you didn't seem to want to go to any trouble.

Bruce Kostus also stated he needed my name so he could "judge if the article and author have any real knowledge." The name of the author has nothing to do with the points in the article. These points are either logically acceptable or not. I can only assume that he accepts my major point of proliferation and its effects since he had nothing to say.

The President and congressional leaders support peace; it is how you get peace that they disagree with, but Kostus seems to overlook this fact. They (President, etc.) see the consequence and harm of an immediate withdrawal.

My article presents my opinion as reached through a great amount of research. If the newspaper as a whole was prejudiced, his letter would not have been printed. My article according to Kostus doesn't have any sound basis, but his opinion does. (A very interesting situation indeed.)

This to me seems to wrap up the letter; but if he wishes to continue to write, our "so-called

So the issue remaining is how quickly can we bring the troops home? The purpose of the moratorium is to create pressures to speed up the withdrawal.

You stated in your so-called article that new nations would acquire nuclear power to defend themselves against aggression. You stated they would doubt the ability of the United States to defend them against communism.

Like it or not, America is not capable of defending another nation against communism. Doesn't that just break your patriotic little heart? No American wants to die for another country. They are sent to Viet Nam with the belief that they are defending America against possible future communism. With the poverty, ignorance and crime we have in America to ray the communism can start right here without having to begin in some obscure jungle. Or had you ever thought of that? Probably not. Oh yes, you did say something about other nations acquiring nuclear power. You said it would increase the possibility of nuclear war. Very profound statement, I must say. Sooner or later the nation that wants nuclear power is going to get it. And I am certain that the nuclear power could not be in any less capable hands than it is right here in America.

America's government is far from perfect. Everyone is aware of this, but it is the dreaded fear that the government has of admitting it made a mistake that makes it the grotesque sham it is. America is no longer "for the people" because Americans just don't care any longer.

But you see, I do care, and whether my way is right or not, at least I am not living under a false pretense. Quit trying to make

are in Vietnam. America's image is not the basic reason. If it were, the U. S. would have pulled out long ago to support our image because Vietnam is doing more to hurt our image than many other situations. The two basic reasons were to stop communism and to create security in Southeast Asian countries.

The next interesting point to be thought of is what Maple calls the value of "American life." He accused me of determining the value of American life. What I did was to weigh the chances of millions have died. Personally I prefer the lesser number.

The argument brought forth by Mr. Maple next was that the U. S. already has decided to bring the troops home. This is true, but the question remaining is whether or not we remove them tomorrow and thus cause a communist takeover and a loss of credibility in American commitments or whether we phase the troops out so as to let the South Vietnamese take over, which they will be able to do in a few short years, thus not losing the country to communism and not losing credibility for American commitments.

At this time I would like to re-explain my argument about "nuclear proliferation." I stated that an immediate unilateral withdrawal would cause a security gap. This gap would be filled by the less powerful nations through the construction of nuclear weapons. You see, in the world today there are some twenty nations that have the ability but have not turned to nuclear power. Why? Because the U. S. has pledged to defend them.

Now our immediate withdrawal would cause these countries to doubt our ability, our will-

## Court Proposed

An idea that has intrigued us for a long time is that of a student-faculty court.

First perhaps we should explain what we mean by a student-faculty court. This would be a board called upon to review any student-faculty disagreement. Students would be able to engage another student to act as defender if they felt they themselves were inadequate as a public speaker. The persons involved would also be able to bring forth evidence in support of their case.

Let us emphasize that this board, or court if you will, would not have the power to override any decision made by any administrator or faculty member.

Other schools have tried it and have found it successful in helping to bring forth the student feelings. So many times the student fears not getting any help from the faculty. This would give such students a forum for their complaints.

This student-faculty court could be a good project for the Student Congress. It is something for all the students and we believe the possibilities should be explored.

## Album 'Spiffy'

"The Street Giveth . . . and the Street Taketh Away, Cat Mother 3:14." The name of the group—Cat Mother and the All Night News Boys.

On the album is their old release, "Good Old Rock 'n' Roll," and their latest release, "Can You Dance to It?" The group's songs are produced by Cat Mother and Jim Hendrix. When Hendrix used to make his tours, this band accompanied him. The fans for the most part thought they were great, and their success was assured.

Versatile is the word for Cat Mother and the All Night News Boys. Their music is a mix of



to have any sound basis, implying prejudice on the part of the paper. So we would ask you to make a retraction or what is needed to correct this.

These ideas that I have expressed present the basic reasons why "The ignorance of some people was demonstrated on November 14, 1969, when a so-called newspaper was distributed to Washington High School students."

Respectfully,  
Bruce Kostos

## Rayl Replies

A definite furor has occurred over a previous article which I, Chris Rayl, wrote and published in the *Washingtonian*. This article condemned the moratorium for what it was, a display of ignorance by many.

Now the first letter I would like to deal with is that which was written by Bruce Kostos. At this point I would like to take a

newspaper" will print his thoughts in full.

## Graduate Writes

To the author of "Nation Displays Feelings on War."

I was truly amazed when I read the article in the November 14th issue of the *Washingtonian* concerning the moratorium. You see, I am one of those profoundly ignorant people who happen to believe that the moratorium is worthwhile. I do not believe that it is worth spending a mere few thousand American lives in order to save face. It is beyond me how you consider yourself to be the judge of how important an American life is.

The question about whether or not we are going to pull out of Viet Nam has already ended, my dear friend. Or perhaps you hadn't heard. The South Vietnamese will be lent some remaining support, but the American soldier will no longer fight on the front lines.

ness to help them; thus they would start a stockpile of their own where they would not have done so earlier. Your statement inferred that the U. S. was incapable of handling the A-bomb. Does he actually think that Israel and the United Arab Republic could handle it better?

He also seems to believe that I am under the delusion that the U. S. is a "white knight." I certainly am not. A white knight would not have dirtied his hands in Vietnam trying to stop the communists. In fact we entered for very selfish interests. This interest was summed up quite well by Thucydides when he said, "It is not in Attica that the war will be decided but in the countries by which Attica is supported." In other words our society is greatly dependent on all other free countries.

Maple gave me the impression of not caring about the rest of the world. We wouldn't have a country in which to have big problems, if we were to isolate ourselves. As the most powerful nation in the world we cannot and we must not turn our backs on the global problems just because they are difficult to solve.

The last thing to be spoken of is when you stated that I was not an expert on American foreign policy. He's right—so my ideas have come from knowledgeable sources, not my own head. My article wasn't sick; it is he who doesn't want to look past the 40,000 dead to see the real situation.

John Maple  
Freshman, K.U.  
W.H.S. Graduate

## Second Reply

This article is basically intended to answer the letter written by Mr. John Maple, former student at W. H. S. This letter I believe was written in a sincere and respectful manner and we of the paper staff appreciate this. Now I would like to continue with my answer to Mr. Maple.

The first thing that should be cleared up is the basic reason we

to have any sound basis, implying prejudice on the part of the paper. So we would ask you to make a retraction or what is needed to correct this.

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Boys. Then record is kind of spiffy!"

## Kathy Ralston Gains Optimist Scholarship

"It's just great," Kathy Ralston, senior, remarked when she learned she had won a \$500 scholarship from the Optimist Club.

"I applied in the office," she went on to say, "but I never really expected to win. Three finalists were chosen from a group of many students and then one was chosen and it was me!"

Kathy, planning to attend Pittsburg State Teachers' College, however, will not receive the \$500 as a flat sum. Instead she will be paid \$100 each semester up to her junior year.

Attend  
The  
Basketball  
Game



(photo by Ron Cheyney)

RECENT COLD WEATHER and snow has hastened students to class in early morning. This picture was taken the morning following the first snow.

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## Wildcat Exchange

On November 18th and 19th Shawnee Mission South and Washington conducted an exchange of students.

Larry Danielson, senior; Dan Toepfer, senior; Lesola Morgan, senior, and Gaye Masopust, junior, represented Washington.

Susanna Bower, junior; Jan Dykman, junior; Brad Mansan, sophomore, and Larry Fish, senior, students of South, gained impressions of Washington.

When asked what impressed him the most about the school Larry Fish stated, "The geometry lab impressed me because we don't have anything like that at South."

Larry Danielson noted that South was not as crowded as Washington is. He noticed that in a room with 30 chairs only 20 might be filled. Therefore, walking in the halls at South was easier because they were larger and not as crowded.

The dress code at South is set up so that long hair and sideburns are allowed; however, beards and mustaches are forbidden. The girls' dresses do not have length requirements.

Danielson commented, "It doesn't distract from your education when a girl with a short skirt walks in."

In comparison of better looking girls Fish chose South over Washington. One of the reasons was because they wear much shorter skirts.

At Shawnee Mission South there are no bells. When the clock reaches the beginning of the hour the students walk out. During the five-minute passing period clocks can be seen from the halls. If a student is over 10 seconds late to a class he must get a tardy slip.

After comparing both Wyan-

Danielson also stated that the students were very friendly and not "snotty," like everyone thinks the students from Johnson County are.

The Student Council at South plans to have exchanges with other schools during the school year.

Both boys agreed that WHS offers better food in the cafeteria!

## Pete Sees Snow

It was fourth period on November 13. Airy, billowy white flakes began to fall to the earth. It was a scene that almost all of us had seen many times. However, Peter Cooper, Washington's exchange student from New Zealand, did not know what to think of the fluffy phenomenon.

He gaped in wonder out the window as several students told him what it was, and, on invitation, he opened a window and actually felt some of the stuff.

When asked about the weather in his home country, Peter said there were only wet seasons and dry seasons; the distinction between warm seasons and cold seasons was nonexistent.

When some serious thought is given to the matter, it does seem strange to see something totally foreign to 16 years of one's existence.

Peter only had the vaguest idea of what snow was, and he could only guess that snow was what he saw that fateful day.

Imagine yourself in Peter's situation. Was that a massive feather storm out there? Does God have dandruff? I thought that wool came from sheep.

At any rate, nature has tied yet



(photo by Ron Cheyney)

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY came to Washington with the "Theater of the Absurd." The play performed was "The Lesson," about an emotionally upset professor who prepared students for their college degrees and ended up murdering each of them. The play was shown to drama students and humanities students.

## Pianist Performs

As a result of the successful experience in Oklahoma City, the Ford Motor Company Fund, a non-profit corporation supported by contributions from Ford Motor Company, has retained Coleman Blumfield, distinguished young concert pianist, to conduct a nationwide concert series in schools.

"Coleman Blumfield in Concert" is a sincere effort to arouse an increased appreciation of the fine arts among young people. Ford Motor Company Fund believes that a better understanding of the arts by youth may help to alleviate some of the unrest in our country.

Mr. Blumfield, 34 years of age, is a graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia and is one of only four students of the

world renowned concert artist, Vladimir Horowitz. He has performed as a soloist with leading symphony orchestras throughout the nation, at the White House for President Eisenhower, and on international tour for the United States Informational Service.

On Monday, November 17, Mr. Blumfield presented students enrolled in music and humanities classes at W.H.S. with one of his concerts. The audience was overwhelmingly receptive.

## Show Sponsors Students on T.V.

Recently a form was sent out to the senior teachers of Washington requesting them to submit students' names for participation in the Categories TV program.

They were asked to name students that were well qualified in representing their school.

The students named are David Dunfield, Joel Payne, Roy Breedlove, Ruth Lindberg, and Elaine Beckman. Three alternates were also named. They are Janet Lepo, Sharon Porteous, and Bill Laaser. All the contestants are seniors.

Television station WDAF is the sponsor of this program, which is in its ninth year. Washington will oppose Westport High School. The show will be taped December 3 and aired Saturday, December 20 at 10:30 a.m.

Some of the subjects they will be questioned on will be geology, history, math, science, and current events.

A team captain is to be named and that student will present information about Washington to its viewing audience.

### MALLIN CLEANERS

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Petal's West





lotte and Johnson County schools Danielson felt that Johnson County was further ahead in educational facilities.

The school has better courses, such as computer science and environmental labs. Also, the school is newer and not so crowded.

another bond between the two countries. Snow has given Peter something to write home about.

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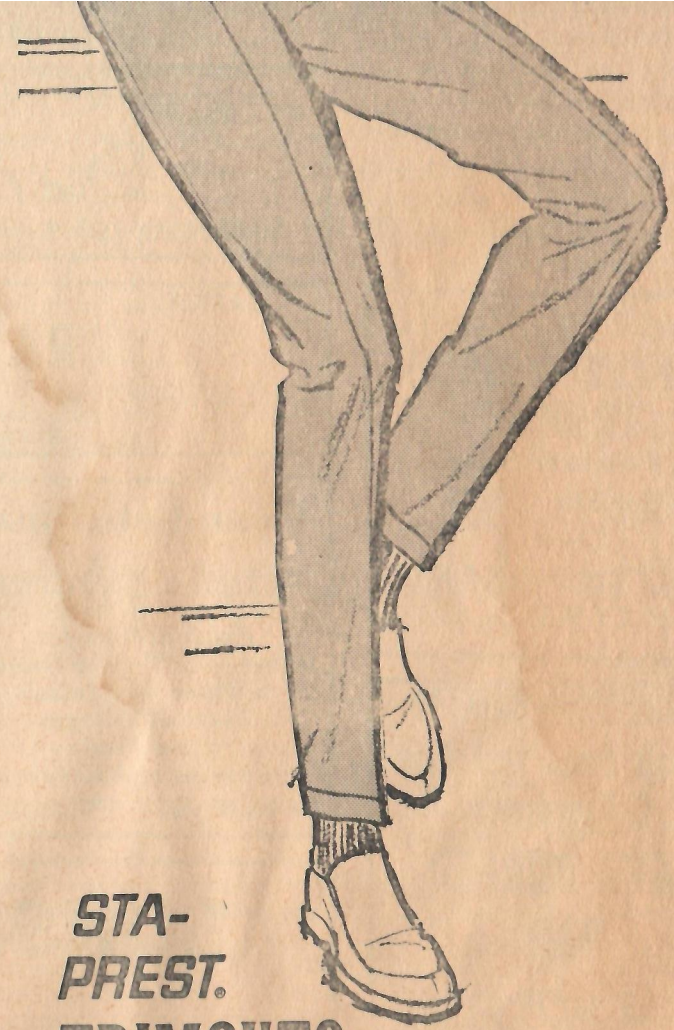
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## Against Argentine

# 'Cats Open Season Tonight

After a month of drilling and conditioning the 1969-70 basketball season will be initiated tonight when the Wildcats take on the Argentine Mustangs on the Washington court.

Tonight's game is a home game and then the Wildcats take to the road for seven straight games. Wyandotte provides the competition tomorrow night for the first away game of the season. Next weekend the Wildcats travel to Shawnee Mission South on Friday night and Lawrence Saturday night.

After Lawrence there is an 18 day layoff for Christmas vacation before the 'Cats invade Rosedale. After games at Topeka on Jan. 9 and Topeka West on Jan. 16 the Wildcats return home for a game with Sumner.

Argentine is a new opponent for the Wildcats this season as they take the place of the traditional Leavenworth game. Argentine is in the East Kansas League and the game has nothing to do with the standings of the Sunflower League.

Ernie Olsen will be the big threat for the Mustangs, as he stands at well over six feet tall and weighs over 200 pounds.

The game with Wyandotte is the first league game for the Wildcats. The Bulldogs are the defending league and state champions and finished with a 19-2 record last season. The only teams to beat the Bulldogs were Wichita North and our own Wildcats.

Wyandotte returns four lettermen which are also helped out

with a strong bench. Glenn Russell is the most consistent player for the Bulldogs as he is used as either a guard or a forward. Richard Morsden a center and Russell are both two year lettermen, working for their third letter.

Eugene Royster and Harold Brown, both seniors and a guard and forward respectively round out the list of lettermen.

In Sunflower League competition the divisional set up as in football will not be followed. Each team will play the other nine league members once which will count in the standings.

After the hard work and long practices let's hope that the Wildcats will be able to capitalize on the season opener with Argentine.

# Catfish Fin Indians; Topeka Relays Next

On November 24, Washington's swim team created a whirlpool which swallowed up Shawnee Mission North as the Wildcats splashed to a first place finish.

Coach Jim Askins' 'Catfish completely demolished North as they racked up 77 points to the Indians 18.

The 'Cats took home seven first place finishes divided between sophomore Randy Culp, sophomore Larry Mihelic, juniors Kent McCord and Charlie Thompson.

Culp, Mihelic, and McCord each grabbed off two firsts.

Culp took first in the 100 yard breast stroke and the 200 yard individual medley.

Mihelic swam to firsts in the 200 yard free-style and the 100 yard butterfly stroke while McCord won the 50 and 100 yard freestyle event.

Charlie Thompson took to the diving board and walked off with a first in diving.

After the meet, Coach Askins said, "North is not a real strong team, we've got a lot better competition ahead of us."

When asked of the teams chances in the Sunflower League this year, Askins commented, "That's hard to say because I haven't seen what the other teams have. We could finish real strong, not lower than fourth."

"I'm proud of the sophomores as they score 48 of our points. The juniors scored 19 and the seniors scored 9. But there are only four seniors and three juniors on this year's squad."

## Grapplers Tangle Against Lawrence

Tomorrow the Washington wrestling squad travels to Lawrence to battle the Lions in hopes of capturing their first team victory.

On Nov. 25 the Matcats fell to Leavenworth in their opening match 36 to 10. Leavenworth swept every match except the final two. Mike Willsey, 185 lbs., won by forfeit and Rick Kepler, heavyweight, pinned his opponent in the first three minutes of action.

Inexperience will be the main problem for the Wildcat grapplers

# Cox, Lynn, and Danielson, Selected

Now that the football season has come to an end the rating of the players begins.

Sunday, November 30, the All Wyandotte County team was announced. They were picked by the area high school coaches of Wyandotte County. There were ten eligible high schools in Wyandotte County.

Washington was well represented on the team. Picked for the honor were four Wildcats. They were, Seniors Jim Cox (offensive tackle), Vernon Lynn (linebacker), and Larry Danielson (defensive

end). The other 'Cat named was Junior Rex Sharp (quarterback and defensive backfield) who received honorable mention.

Cox and Lynn, two year lettermen, were co-captains for the Wildcats this season. Lynn led the defense with 117 tackles, while Cox

playing both ways was not far behind.

Danielson, also a two year letterman, played both ways and latched onto 11 passes for over 100 yards.

Sharp got votes for both quarterback and defensive backfield.



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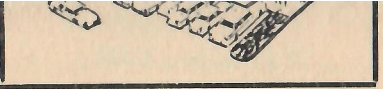
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lettermen return. They are Tom Allen, Bill McCoy, and Syd Tubbs, seniors, along with juniors, Joe Abbott and Ron Benjamin.

McCoy, the most experienced wrestler on the squad, was sidelined for Leavenworth match with a cut foot, but should be at full strength tomorrow.

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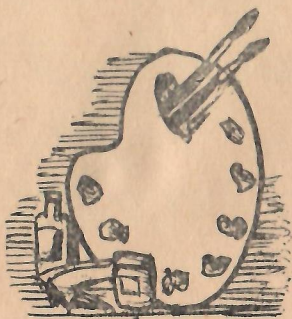
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