

Southwest F.O.B. Will Play For Annual Christmas Soriée

"The smell of incense fills the room." This will be the case on December 20 when the Southwest F.O.B. plays for the annual

all-school Christmas Dance in the girls' gym.

The Bionette sponsored dance begins at 8 and will last until 12. No advance ticket sale is being held. Tickets will be bought at the door at \$4 a couple.

The gym, decorated with snow covered trees, benches, and dim lanterns, will resemble a park scene. The traditional flocked Christmas tree will be the focal point of the decor.

Melissa Bentley, dance committee chairman, expressed

thanks to Mr. Harold J. Filgo, principal and Mr. R. C. Stokes, assistant principal, for their cooperation. She said, "Mr. Filgo and Mr. Stokes have been so nice in accommodating us. I certainly hope that everyone interested will show their appreciation and come to the dance."

Members of the senior dance committee are Melissa, Donna Morris, Janet McWilliams, Debbie Roberts, Doris Parker, Suzanne Graff, Linda Wilson, Betty Lu Dial, Lynda Anderson, Pam Wanja, Marsha Johnson and Susan Lowellen.

Members of the junior dance committee are Cathie Stanford, Annette Prikyrl, Petroula Kastanos, Cindy Henderson, Sally McCord, Linda Smith, Shelly Hall, Kay Atkinson, Cindy Westover, Adrienne Anderson, Judy Johnson, and Kathi Drew.

Linda Smith, junior dance committee chairman, is in charge of decorating the lunchroom. The Christmas scene will be carried out. Refreshments will be served in the lunchroom during the dance.

Although this dance is sponsored by the Bionettes it is for the benefit of the entire student body, Melissa emphasized. "Everyone is invited and we sincerely hope everyone will come."

DOOR CONTEST JUDGED TODAY; FIRST PRIZE \$8

Doors will be judged on "originality, beauty, and appropriateness," said Assistant Principal Robert C. Stokes, sponsor of the annual Christmas Advisory Door contest.

Officers of the Student Council and two members of the faculty will judge the annual Christmas door contest today.

Rules for the contest are no tacks, nails, no electricity, and the amount not exceeding \$2 to be spent. First prize is \$8, second prize, \$5 and third prize, \$2.

Miller Named Winner In National English Test

Dennis Miller, senior, was notified on December 2 that he was selected as one of the two Dallas winners of the 1969 Na-

tional Council of Teachers of English Achievement Awards.

The contest, held in March and April, was taken by a proportionate number of recommended high school students throughout the country.

The tests included not only standardized achievement drills, but also written examples of an extemporaneous theme, an autobiography, and an example of the student's own literary work. For his submission of an original written work, Dennis used an original one-act play that he wrote last year for Mrs. Ann Tranthum.

Dennis was one of the two Dallas winners and one of the twenty-three in the state of Texas. Only two Sunset students have previously won this honor, Tommy Herron in 1963 and Jan Hullum in 1966, though there have been several runners-up.

Included with the award will be a recommendation for a scholarship.



Photo by Leroy Tannison

MEMBERS OF MORNING MEDITATIONS committee pose with the Christmas tree which they decorated for Sunset's front hall.

Homes Sought by AFS For Future Exchangers

The foreign exchange program, sponsored by the American Field Service International, is now looking for homes for foreign students.

Students are placed in homes so that they may gain an understanding of the United States, its people, education, customs and ways of American life, explained Mrs. Robert Click, PTA

vice president. It is, also, to help the American people understand the student's way of life.

The student that walks through the doors of Sunset will be from 16 to 18 years of age. He has been hand-picked by a committee of judges in the United States and his home country, Mrs. Click pointed out.

The family that is selected must provide love, affection, care, guidance, and discipline to the student, she added.

Any sophomore or junior who wishes to make application for the A. F. S. program, is asked to contact Miss Mae Venable in room 204, Mrs. Click at WH 2-3507, or Mrs. E. H. Roysse at WH 2-4065, who will give you more information.

Applications will be given to students during the first part of January.

Sophs Elect Four to Lead Class of '71

Duncan Ramsey was chosen president in the election of sophomore class officers December 10.

Other officers are Donovan McFadin, vice-president; Janie Patterson, secretary; and Pam McMillan, treasurer.

Donovan gained his office by being runnerup in the president's race.

Duncan expressed both happiness and surprise. "It's a very great honor as a Bison to be chosen of the sophomore class. I'll do everything on my part to uphold the office."

The president will play the jester in the Concert Choir musical, "Once Upon a Mattress." He is a member of the Student Council and the Key Club and is active in football and track. He was elected vice-president of the student body at Greiner and was a member of the National Junior Honor Society.

Donovan is a football letterman and a member of the varsity basketball team. Janie was a Jacketer squad captain and secretary of the National Junior Honor Society. Pam was also a squad captain at Greiner.

Other nominees for secretary and treasurer were Karon Berry and Patti Knox respectively.

Clubs Get Into the Spirit with Parties Program and Gifts for Needy Children

Sunset Y-Teens participated in the program "The Christmas for Others" at the downtown YMCA December 7.

Club members "adopted" six children from the West Dallas Center and served as their mothers for the day. The girls bought gifts for the children with money they obtained at the beginning of the year by selling trinkets.

From 10 a.m. to 12 noon, all Dallas Y-Teens and their adopted children met downtown where Santa presented the children with the gifts. The Y-Teens provided games and refreshments for all.

The annual Christmas banquet for the Pan-American Club was held Monday night at El Chico Restaurant.

Their guest speaker was Mercedes Collado, foreign exchange

student at Samuel who comes from the Dominican Republic.

Members of the FBLA will spread Christmas joy by giving a party for the children ages 4 to 13 in the Juvenile Ward at Parkland Hospital this afternoon. Santa Claus, played by senior Mike Perkins, will give the children presents.

"Twas the day of Saturn, the Roman harvest god, and all through Rome not a criminal was stirring, not even a slave. Families in reunions and courts of law closed had just settled down for a long festival.

On the first day, religious ceremonies took place, the second day families spent making sacrifices of young pigs, and the last days were spent in visiting and exchanging gifts called sig-

allaria, small images of Saturn.

Tuesday, the Latin Club conducted their own Saturnalia Christmas with games, feasting, and songs at the home of Cindy and Connie Hornsby.

The Art Service will meet after school today for their Christmas party in room 210.

The club has been busy lately helping with stage sets for the senior play.

Mrs. Ford gave the tumblerettes a Christmas party Tuesday. Entertainment included music and dancing, followed by refreshments.

GRA's held their Christmas party yesterday. They exchanged gifts, had refreshments, and played games. Pam Sabin, vice president, took the role of Santa Claus.

Merry Christmas

Santa's New Image

'Tis the season to be jolly—also the season for Madison Avenue to pull all the stops and descend on their vulnerable prey—the American public.

Television is a medium of fierce competition as advertising agencies lash their red and green tongues to sell their wares. Newspapers and magazines urge people into a feverish hurry to get out and buy that present for someone because it's Christmas.

What about the children, around whom modern day Christmas revolves? The image they see of Santa is a cleverly disguised manufacturer and his ad men ho-ho-ing while telling how much status they shall have by being the first on their block to own the toy (a very expensive toy, of course) that "Santa" is pushing.

Isn't the meaning of Christmas distorted when one stops to think that the first present given after the Great Event was "good tidings"?

Draws a Crowd, But Not Approval

"Fight!" The word rings out and soon a flock of people appear and crowd around to watch. One of the antagonists gets a bloody nose or torn shirt, but soon a teacher steps in and stops the brawl that was doomed from the start.

As the two principal characters are being whisked away to the office, more than one thought may be occupying their minds. One undoubtedly concerns their assured suspension. Another, how they will have to settle the disagreement some other way. And they are probably gloating a bit about the attention they gained.

But if they really stopped to think, they would realize that the crowd was looking on not in approval but merely in curiosity. Approval is gained by constructive activities that come to a good end. And actions that mar the image of the school is not constructive. It's only end is suspension of the two hostile parties and continued bad blood.

The least they could do—if they can't use enough intelligence to settle it without a physical encounter—would be to postpone the fight until a more appropriate time and place, away from school. There, the dispute could be settled without damaging their school's reputation or having a suspension on a record that will follow them the rest of their lives.

DUST FROM THE HERD

Crazy Way to Drive...Barking Cans... Those Lenses Found in Strangest Places!

Most students believe that finding a way to get up and get to school is the worst part of the day. David Ellis, however, does not agree with the majority. He thinks that leaving is the hardest part.

One afternoon David couldn't make it home, having a problem with the gears in his car. Being the intelligent senior he is, David tried something new. It was a somewhat terrorizing experience, but he made it home, driving through intersections and stop signs—in reverse.

Perhaps seniors are getting a little "backwards" this time of year. Not only did David put his car in reverse, but also did Tommy Davis, Kathy Kempher, and Dennis Miller.

It was like this. When they couldn't start their car one day while doing some Christmas shopping, they tried to analyze their problem (being the good debaters they are.) After hours of contemplation, Tommy finally reached the solution: the car was parked in reverse.

Linda Yarborough, senior, has been hearing things.

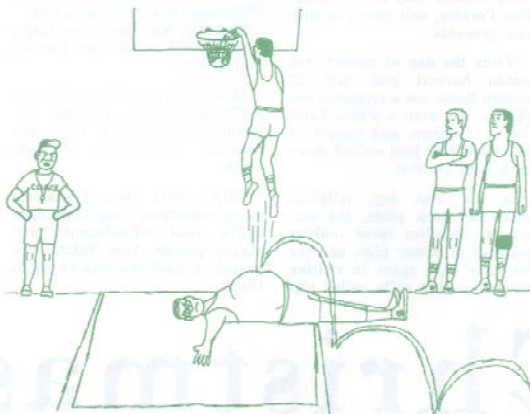
She returned to a deserted school one afternoon to get a

book she had forgotten to take home. Coming in the school door, she was frightened by the sound of furiously barking dogs. A brave soul, she leaped to safety.

Screaming and gasping, she was finally assured by a custodian that there were no dogs. Then the custodian helped her

down from her place of safety—a purple trash can.

Some babbled nervously; others reviewed exactly what they were going to say. The speech class was tense, and the ones who'd already given their talks on "how to do something" sat



BY MAYFIELD

"I had a hunch that sooner or later we'd find a use for that guy"



Photo by Leroy Tension

Can Gary break out? Not with Janet standing guard!

BISONALITIES

Janet Sports Leadership; Gary Keys on Scholarship

Janet McWilliams walked over to the switch and turned on a large ceiling fan. Soon the room was filled with a strong breeze.

This little event holds the key to one facet of this dark-eyed beauty's personality—she likes the feel of a brisk wind in her face, whether riding in convertibles, water skiing on a lake, or riding a rubber raft amid the salt breezes off the coast.

Her first skiing encounter would have scared the average person away from the sport. She had just "gotten up" when she fell backwards, caught her foot in the ski rope, and was dragged underwater for some distance. However, the next time she had a chance she tried again and succeeded.

Janet also enjoys tennis, swimming, ping-pong, and was an avid baseball fan when younger. She often went to the old Bur-

Janet is Bisonette squad leader, Student Council secretary, and a member of the Concert Choir, Good Scholarship Club, and honors English class. She is also chairman of the council's social committee. She is proud of the \$54 the council made on their first dance and hopes for

equal success with the three in the planning stage.

Janet plans to make a career of helping people in some way, perhaps in some field of medicine. Whatever the choice, her first preparation will be made at the University of Texas.

"In Iran the boys hold hands and everybody kisses everybody."

This was one standing observation made by Gary Stayer, who was a visitor in the Near East country last summer.

Gary says that being a foreign exchange student was his greatest accomplishment and meeting the Empress of Iran his biggest thrill. His most prized possession is a hand carved water pipe from Iran.

Gary enjoys comfortable clothes and taking walks at night "especially when it's cold!"

make Sunset a great school. "The students are Sunset. There wouldn't be tradition if it weren't for students."

Gary appreciates the opportunities provided at Sunset. "You have to look for them. You have to be interested to get the most out of school."

"I admire people who think for themselves," Gary said. He likes people who make up their own minds and people who try to get the most out of life.

If he could be anything else, Gary would like to be a pine tree because it is "sturdy and enduring."

Gary was a National Merit semifinalist. He is president of the French Club, a member of AFS, and a member of the Good Scholarship Club.

His future plans include attending Haverford College in Pennsylvania where he will study medicine.

amugly by.

Up to then very few speeches had been very informative or entertaining. But when Charles Donald took the floor, everyone was captivated. His speech was on the subject: how to break into his own house.

Few things can be more frustrating and more ridiculous than searching for a contact lens. It

ROUNDUP

By BRENDA GARDNER

Thoughts of jolly St. Nick tumbling down the fireplace, along with reindeer bells and snowy weather, suggest those happy moments of Christmas Day. Although the jingling reindeer bells are really fire drill bells in our nightmares, there is already Christmas spirit shining within the minds of lively Bisons.

And, how long has it been since we've had a white Christmas—27 years? Actually the weather forecast for Christmas day include a cloudless sky, a sunny 83 degree temperature, and a 60 per cent chance of rain. But really, the weather is really no hindrance, according to firm believers in Santa.

Some ambitious students have already asked Santa for engagement rings, 69 Super Sports, and portable 8 by 10 color television sets. Other less impressive persons have stuck to the slogan, "But there is no Santa Claus!" (Not to be taken seriously.) Still others have joyous thoughts of buying Christmas PRESENTS.

Back to the brighter side. Remember that during the holidays there will be many golden memories—those of exciting family reunion in Hillsboro, Italy. Sweetwater, and Venus. (Texas, that is). There you find that you look as if you've gained 7 pounds according to your great aunt, and of course, you've grown at least an inch and a half since the last time your third cousin has seen you. Well, so much for that...

Before the holidays completely dwindle away, the real climax has yet to come. NEW DEANS (tag in at "curfew" time, 12:00). One encouraging thought—sleeping all day January 1—will insure complete revival in order to return January 2 to the overpowering halls of Sunset. To face what? All the greedy seniors who received 69 Super Sports for Christmas? Not to mention that the dreaded midterm exams are less than three weeks away.

Yes, the holidays we've all been waiting for are almost here. Parties, excitement, and the traditional Christmas spirit will be ever-present during this time. And I might add, that for seniors, this year's holidays will probably be the most memorable.

However, the true meaning of Christmas is often overlooked. This year, Christmas could be made into one of excitement, warmth, and meaning for everyone. After all, do we really look for the meaning behind the tradition? Think about it. And, MERRY CHRISTMAS!

was especially so at a recent speech tournament in Houston when Jack McClure, Tommy Davis, and Dennis Miller gallantly stopped a milling crowd to search the floor for Kathi Church's lens—listening all the time to the grumbling from the crowd about the delay they were suffering. The lens was finally found, all right, stuck on Kathi's eyelash where it had been all the time.

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Computer, Music, and Turtles Really 'What's up' After School

By KAREN O'GRADY

Have you ever stayed after school long enough to find out what's really going on? It is a world of electronics, computers, and even turtles. Yes, turtles!

The comparative anatomy class, instructed by Mr. Earl Greathouse, is now studying the anatomy of the turtle. They just finished the salamander, and next

semester will start the cat. Mr. Greathouse is also planning several field trips to various hospitals and blood banks.

To enroll in the class, a student must have a B average and be able to attend four days a week. It is a college preparatory course, but no credit is given unless the student takes an advanced placement test.

Also in this world of after-school, you will find a mechanical drawing class, instructed by Mr. Fred Brasfield, which promotes interests in architectural design, assembly drawings, and drafting.

Mr. Brasfield is planning a field trip to various industries including the General Motors and Ford plants. There is no grade requirement, and anyone is welcome. It, too, is a college preparatory course in which no credit is given.

Physics is also a part of this wonderful world. Mr. Charles Youngblood is now instructing his class in relativity. The class meets four days a week and anyone interested may enroll.

Another after-school class is advanced instrument study given by Mr. David Hooten and many other teachers from other schools. The students learn a better understanding of their instruments and seek to improve their playing ability. The class is instructed on an individual rather than class basis. To be enrolled, the student must be in the advanced band in junior or senior high school.

Electronics, instructed by Mr. K. L. Strickland, inspires students' interests in the basics of electricity. The class learns how to repair household appliances.

televisions, and radios. They meet every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and everyone is invited to attend.

Next, we will find the computer programming class, which is instructed by Mr. Ray Gunter. He is now teaching the class how to write programs which tell computers what to do. After they have learned this, they will be able to solve mathematical equations. The students that want to enroll must have passed Algebra 3 and 4 with a B average.

Oh yes, there's one other — detention hall. It meets every afternoon in the second floor study hall. No grade requirement, and anyone can attend.

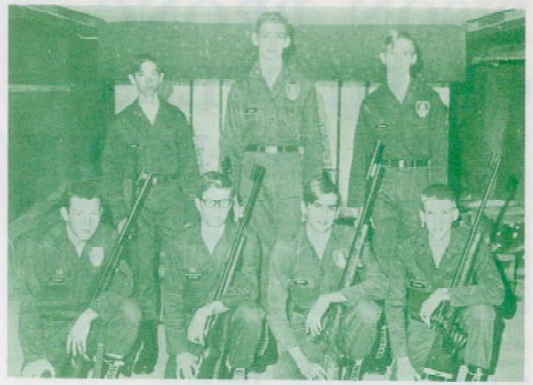


Photo by Michael Carr

THIS SIX-MAN RIFLE TEAM HAS WON the zone championship and the city gallery match for Sunset. Bottom row — left to right, Ronald Leonard, Arnold McElroy, Cal Newnam, Wayne Gossard. Top row — Wayne Lundy, Robert Adams, Noel Newnam.

Choir, Chorus Sing for PTA

Christmas music was provided for the PTA by the Concert Choir and Girls Chorus Monday, December 9.

"Lo, How a Rose", a traditional song of the choir, opened the program when sung from the front hall under the Bison Head.

Proceeding down the aisles of the auditorium, the choir sang a Latin procession from Benjamin Britten's "Ceremony of Carols." Accompanied by Charlotte Pearson on the harp, the choir completed the carols. A recessional down the aisles ended the first part of the program.

After the girls chorus had sung a collection of traditional Christmas Carols, the choir returned to sing Daniel Pinkham's "Christmas Cantata." Selected members of the band accompanied the choir.

CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS VARY

Cherry Blossoms Bring Luck; Fountain Decides Future Mate

By KAREN WINN

Everyone knows that Dutch children set out shoes on Christmas Eve and children in Mexico wreak pinatas. But there are many not so familiar customs practiced throughout the world.

In Japan, the father goes through the house throwing dried beans in every corner. This is supposed to make the evil spirits leave and let good luck enter. In Czechoslovakia, a cherry branch is placed in water and if it blooms at Christmas the family will have good luck all year.

Nearly all countries include

feasts as part of their celebrations, but the men of Ethiopia eat raw meat at Christmas.

A Christian family in Baghdad starts a bonfire of thorns. When it turns to ashes, each member of the family jumps over it and makes three wishes.

One of the most beautiful customs is in Switzerland. On Christmas Eve, a boy or girl will take three sips from each of nine different fountains. If the spell works, their future mate will be standing outside the church door.

One of the most unusual customs is practiced by the people of Ceylon. They hang lanterns, light bonfires, display fireworks, beat drums, and perform a devil dance at Christmas.

But one custom seems to be universal — that of kissing under the mistletoe.

Young Life Skiers Leave Xmas Night

Sunset's Young Life students will be leaving December 25 for Silverton, Colorado, along with 350 other high school students.

So far, six students from Sunset are planning to leave on chartered buses along with Joe Synder, boys counselor, and Sally Synder, girls counselor.

Activities will include skiing with instructors, slogging on sleds, and playing snow football. Guests will stay in the Grand Imperial Hotel for seven days and will return early New Years Day.

31 REPEAT PERFECT GRADES

A Honor Roll Gains; B List Drops to 509

The honor roll has proved unpredictable as the current B honor roll dropped to 509 from first six weeks and the A honor roll increased to 61 compared to the first division's 57.

Thirty-one students are repeats from the A honor roll last six weeks.

Repeating A honor roll students are Lillian Capell, Brian Carr, Marilyn Cozby, Kenneth Deen, Durline Dunham, Patricia Enright, Timothy Graves, Daniel Hall, Cynthia Henderson, Lauren Hobratch, Petroula Kastanos, Randall Kubena, Steve Long, Jacky McGee, Janet McWilliams, Sally Miller, Philip Moore,

Frances Nash, Noel Newnam, Charlotte Pearson, Fred Putman, Debra Roberts, Susan Robinson, Dorothy Royse, Bruce Ruiz, Georgia Sagin, Susan Stone, Vickie Swain, Peggy Tomlinson, Janet Warner, and Phyllis Young.

New A honor roll students are Debbie Abernethy, Sharon Arnold, Marilyn Atkinson, Lawrence Bate, Carol Childers, Larry Collins, Lulabeth Cox, Janie Curry, Kenneth Deen, James Dunlap, Paul Fogle, Diane Garrison, Paul Hamilton, Carol Harlan, John Hosler, Troy Johnson, Susan Jones, Jack Long, Timothy Morgan, John Newnam, Melody Osborne, Darlene Panter, Robert Pardue, Vicki Shelton, Ruth Ann

Debaters Reach Quarterfinals in Denton Tourney

Debaters Vickie Tatum and Suanne Robinson went 4-0 in the prelims, reaching quarterfinals at the Denton Speech Tournament December 13 and 14. They lost on a split decision to Captain Shreve High of Shreveport.

Teams with a 3-1 record were Ronnie Defate and Tim Herron in cross examination debate and Kathy Kemper and Dottie Alvis in girls standard debate.

Williams Sings

Valerie Williams, Sunset senior, accompanied by Wayne Putman, sophomore, performed before the Sanger-Harris Credit Union Tuesday evening, December 17, at the Adelphi Hotel. Her songs were "Silent Night", "What Child Is This?", and "O Come, O Come Emmanuel".

Riflemen Take Pair of Titles

Sunset's rifle team wrapped up the South Zone title with a victory and a perfect 7-0 season over South Oak Cliff on December 5.

Wayne Gossard, Ronald Leonard, and Cal Newnam fired 250. Other marksmen included Robert Adams, 241; Danny McElroy, 235; Noel Newnam, 230.

Shooting in the City Gallery on December 12 against all Dallas schools, the riflemen nudged Bryan Adams with an official 1246 points. Gossard was high firer with 256 points.

The team looks forward to competition next spring at the I and I Postal, Arlington, and Trinity rifle matches, and Kimball Field Day.

ROTC Drill Team activities begin in January as the team enters South Zone play at Kimball.

Renner Wins

Three Trophies

Annette Renner won three trophies in the Sam Houston Speech Tournament in Arlington on December 6 and 7.

Annette placed first in girls poetry reading, second in girls dramatic interpretation, and third in girls prose reading.

Robert Trull reached the semifinals in boys dramatic interpretation.

KLUB KAPERS

Para Meds Bring Gifts;

15 Attend FTA Convention

Mrs. Barbara Bradshaw, instructor at TWU School of Nursing, and two student nurses spoke to the Paramedical Club December 10.

The speakers reviewed various fields of nursing and the many different courses and schools nursing students are able to attend. For their Christmas project, the club brought gifts for the patients at Terrell Hospital.

North Texas State University was the site of the Future Teachers of America district convention Saturday. Sharon Tyson, president, announced that 15 students from Sunset attended.

Christmas plans for FTA include a Teachers' Tea, given on December 18. Punch, dip, cookies, and candy will be served to the faculty during first, second, fifth, and sixth periods in the lunchroom.

Senior Bill Dougherty has been chosen president of the folk singing club. Other officers are Cliff McCarter, vice-president; Suzanne Graff, secretary; and Kathy Burke, treasurer.

The French Club will have a progressive dinner tonight at the homes of Linda Chenoweth, James Hart, Sally McCord, Toni Glover, Tom Massey, and Danny Hall.

The Drama Club will perform three one-act plays sometime this spring. At their meeting Decem-

ber 4, the club voted to let directors Cal Newnam, Cliff McCarter, and Bill Dougherty choose the titles of the plays.

Impending tournaments for the Speakers Club include the TCU and the Jesuit Tournaments, both sometime in January. Also in the planning stages is a party to be held in January.

Tommy Davis, member of the club, says that membership is still open to anyone interested in attending speech contests. Mrs. Carolyn Martin is sponsor.

Qualified Senior To Get Pan Am \$200 Scholarship

The Pan American Club is sponsoring a \$200 scholarship, to be awarded to some senior who has had three or four years of Spanish and has a good academic and citizenship record.

The scholarship can be used at any college of the student's choice in Mexico, for study in the summer. Applications can be obtained from Mr. Paul Sexton. Date for applying will be announced soon. Application will go to a selection committee and then the applicant will be interviewed separately.

Bill Little, Pan Am president, requests everyone to support them in their candy sale after the second semester. Part of the money from the candy sale will go to help get the money for the scholarship.

200 Place Mats Given Hospitals By Red Cross

Two hundred place mats, to be distributed at local hospitals, were given to Red Cross officials Monday, December 16, by Sunset's Junior Red Cross project committee.

The committee of 11, headed by chairman Steve Reeves, made the place mats from colored construction paper to carry out the Christmas theme with red, green, and gold designs.

Money to buy needed materials was taken from the enrollment fund. The Red Cross main office supplied the construction paper.

Members of the committee are Alice Arthur, Marsha Fallwell, Terrie Foreman, Harry Hernandez, Lorna Johnson, Quita Phillips, Paula Partlow, Annette Prikrly, Theresa Ward, and Brenda Wilson.

BISON, BRONC CLASH OPENS BOWL TOURNEY

Sunset will tip off against the Denton High Broncos in the first round of the annual Cotton Bowl Invitational Basketball Tournament, sponsored by Dr Pepper Company, on December 26 at 1:45 p.m. in Loos Fieldhouse.

The tournament, to last four days, will host 32 North Texas area teams, including such powers as Samuell, Thomas Jefferson, Pinkston, Irving and Richardson.

Other gymnasiums hosting games are to be Sprague, Cobb, and Forrester. All games except in the first two rounds will be played at Loos.

Bison cagers broke even, winning one and losing one, at the Stephen F. Austin State College Invitational on November 21, 22 and 23 at Nacogdoches.

Sunset won their first game, defeating Frankston 57-51, then lost the second encounter to Sam Houston High of Houston 61-56. Sam Houston was the eventual winner of the tournament.

Forward Kenneth Thornton led the Bison five against Frankston, dropping 15 points. Three

others scored in double figures, James Hinton with 14 and guards Dan Wall and Donovan McFadin with 11 each. The team hit 45 per cent from the field.

Against Sam Houston four Bisons scored in double figures. Tall Ronnie Kavanaugh led with 16 points. Hinton totalled 15, Thornton dropped 11, and McFadin got 10.

Sam Houston proceeded to defeat South Oak Cliff by 37 points and down tough Bellaire of Houston 55-43 for the tournament championship.

25 Join in New Sport At Sunset -- Girls' Track

Sunset has added something new to the athletic department, a girls track team. The girls will be under the direction of Coach Billy Kidd.

So far they have had two workouts and an average of 25 have been at each session. They

Gridders Train For 'Condition'

"Marines" is the name of the game after football season, at least for junior and sophomore football players.

The purpose of the conditioning program is to condition the football team physically and mentally, so that they will be tough for a hard football schedule next fall. The team is under the supervision of Coaches Orville Hudson and Abe Barnett.

Since there are 35 boys out for this program, the "Marines" are split up into two groups. Each group goes through the weight machine, monkey bars, are sprints up and down Oak Cliff Boulevard.

Any junior and sophomore boy interested in playing football is asked to see one of the coaches.

run two courses, the West course and Hill 13 at the Stevens Park Golf Course. Coach Kidd has found that some girls have run faster than the boys on Hill 13, the sprinters course, which proves very promising.

Coach Kidd has written for information on the legality of a girls track team and about girls track meets. If enough are interested, the girls will have to have physical forms and parent approval slips. He suggested that the girls also join GRA's so that he and Mrs. Ford may work together.

There is a girls' state championship in AAA. Sunset is Class AAAA, and Coach Kidd is inquiring about Sunset's participation. Also there is an indoor meet in February at Fort Worth and Texas Relay in April at Austin which Coach Kidd is checking out. Right now Duncannville is the only place nearby which has a girls track team.

Coach Kidd feels that there aren't enough activities for girls to be physically fit. If enough are interested and ask for track meets girls track can become more noted. Coach Kidd's ultimate goal is to improve track for girls in the United States.

Bufs Open District With Two Victories

Sunset opened the District 12-AAAA basketball season by winning two victories last week, beating Washington 85-77 and Roosevelt 67-61.

Paced by James Hinton, high scorer in both games, the Bisons jumped into a three-way tie for first place in district standings. Kimball and Adamson also had perfect records in their first two games.

The Bison cagers played a tight battle last Friday night against the Mustangs of Roosevelt at Sprague Fieldhouse. Scoring in the first period favored the Mustangs 19-17, but the Bisons came back in the second quarter to outscore their opponents 16-10, making the intermission tally 33-26 in Sunset's favor.

The Bisons held a slight margin throughout the rest of the game, scoring 17 points in each of the last two periods. Hinton was high with 23 points.

The Bisons outscored the Washington Bulldogs 85-77 on December 10 in the first south zone game. James Hinton was high scorer with 29 points.

Both teams racked up identical scores of 17 and 19 points in

the first two quarters, making the halftime score 30-30. The Bisons pulled away quickly in the third quarter to build up a big lead, scoring 31 points to Booker's 18. Washington came back strong in the fourth period to tally 23 points against the Bisons' 18, but the Purple cagers managed to hold them in the final moments.

Washington's high point man was Sam Hervey, 6-foot 7-inch junior, who dominated Bulldog scoring with 44 points.



BISON TRACKS

By MIKE CLAYTON

After slipping by their first two opponents, the Sunset round-ballers are in a three way tie with Adamson and Kimball in 12-AAAA basketball. This surge of power in the opening of the season was strongly aided by returning lettermen James Hinton, who has scored 52 points so far in zone play, and by Kenneth Thornton.

The Bisons will have another chance to show their talents over the holidays in the Dr Pepper tournament. They are scheduled to tip off against Denton in the first round of play December 26 at Sprague Fieldhouse.

While the Bison Herd is enjoying their Christmas holidays, a group from the Sunset tennis team will be competing in the Dallas Junior Cotton Bowl Open at Market Hall December 26-29.

This pre-season tourney will have representatives from schools in Houston, Fort Worth, Corpus Christi, Wichita Falls, Dallas and other Texas cities.

Most of the competing teams are not accustomed to playing indoors. This will be a handicap to the Bisons. Indoor tennis is a much faster game than outdoors. Also, lighting is a great factor because of the glare from the floor and walls. But we know that our Sunset netters will adapt to the indoor court and hope they come out on top.

Members competing are Bradley Hodge, Ouida Lovell, Richard Marshall, Tim Patterson, Susan Swafford, Howard Walker, and Rene Williams.

Thinking back on the past football season we remember the diligent work of the coaches attempting to sell tickets to the ball games. The fact is that the Bison Herd didn't support their team as in 1967-68. It was reported that the students bought approximately two thousand dollars less for this season under last.

Many factors did stand in the way of ticket sales this year. Weather was bad much of the time. This year's season had one less game than last season, and some games were on Thursday and Saturday nights. These could all prove to hinder the support of a champion team. But football season is over. The pads are put away and the helmets stored, and our minds look to basketball season. Let's make it a great season by all coming out and rooting the Cagers to victory.

Bentley to Represent Sunset In Tournament Queen Contest

Melissa Bentley, senior, will represent Sunset as a candidate for Basketball Queen in the Dr Pepper Tournament during the holidays.

Melissa was nominated by the basketball team to compete for the honor with other representatives from Dallas schools.

Candidates will attend a luncheon and teen style show in the Titche's Tearoom on December 27 at 11:30. The queen will receive an outfit modeled by a Teen Board member. Judging of the candidates will be held at Loos Stadium that same night.

During the week of the Dr Pepper Tournament the elected queen will be a special guest of all the games. On the final night she will assist the presentation of trophies. Also, on December 31, the queen, runners-up, and their escorts will be honored guests at the annual band festival held at the Variet Industry Building at Fair Park. This festival includes 2,000 band members who will participate in the

Cotton Bowl parade the following day.

The winner will ride January 1 through the parade in the float sponsored by Dr Pepper. Miss Teenage America will be riding in the float, also. After the parade, the queen and her escort, along with her runners-up and their escorts, will be guests at the Cotton Bowl football game. The winner will be seated by Miss Teenage America.

Humor and Drama Predominate Play Given by Seniors

Oriental accents, humor and excellent drama dominated the 1968 senior play, "Teahouse of the August Moon", presented December 13 and 14 in the school auditorium.

Robert Trull must be commended on his performance of the native interpreter, Sakini. Captain Fishy, portrayed by Bill Snow, was also well presented to the audience.

Lotus Blossom, played by Durline Dunham and Nancy Painter, surprised the audience with their traditional oriental dance.

Much humor was provided by Sergeant Gregovich, played by Tommy Lemarr, and an old lady and the mayor of Tobeki played by Kathy Burke and Jimmy Barnes, respectively.

Colonel Purdy, Charles Goodwin, added much tension to the play with his ever-commanding telephone calls.

Other cast members included, Suzanne Graff, Bill Dougherty, Evie Irwin, Larry Collins, Mike Clayton, Bill Phipps, Craig Sanders, Cindy Pim, Patti Ragle, Cliff McCarter, Suzette Samuel, and Anita Sorenson.

Miss Mary Branson directed the play, James Clark was the stage manager, and Aubrey McIntosh worked the lights.

Stampede Rated in Top Class; McClure Wins Third in Sports

The Stampede again has been rated in the top class of high school newspapers by the Texas High School Press Association. This fact was announced at the annual THSPA convention, held December 6 and 7 at Texas Women's University, Denton.

The Stampede received an All-Texas rating along with 10 other Texas high schools in Class 2, bi-weekly newspapers of schools with enrollments of 1500-1999.

The Sundial received the second highest rating in the yearbook division, a Certificate of Merit.

In individual contests, Jack McClure won third in the sports stories division for his coverage of the Kimball football game.

Three articles by Sunset students were on display at the convention under the title of "Cream of the Crop". They were Bill Phipps' story on the Washington and the Roosevelt football games, Melissa Bentley's editorial on girls attending college, and Jack's story.

The Hillcrest Hurricane of

Dallas was named champion of the Class 2 division. In Class 3 (enrollment 1000 to 1499) Highland Park's newspaper, the Bagpipe, was named champion, and their yearbook, the Highlander, was co-champion.

The other Dallas high school newspaper to receive an All-Texas rating was Bryan Adams' Cougar Chronicle.

Three to Perform At Dal-Hi Concert

Three musicians from Sunset will join the Dal-Hi Orchestra in its annual concert January 11 at the Apparel Mart.

The symphony is composed of members from the Dallas area high school bands and orchestras. The Dal-Hi orchestra is on competitive basis and does require an audition.

The three members from Sunset are Bill Holloway, oboe; Billy Everitt, and Dale Williams, trumpet.

Seven to Spend Yule Vacations In Far Places

At least seven Sunsetters will be traveling to distant cities to spend their Christmas holidays.

Durline Dunham, senior, will spend her vacation in Miami and Nassau, Bahamas (we trust that will be her destination and not Havana, Cuba).

Craig Sanders, senior, is going to New York, sponsored by E. M. Kahn Company, where he works. Toni Glover, junior, plans to fly to Aspen, Colorado, to ski.

Jan Sieble, junior, is also planning to go to Colorado where her family has a cabin.

Martha Palmino, senior, is going to Monterrey, Mexico.

Bill Jacoby, senior, is planning to go to Chicago for his cousin's wedding.