



Photo by Jay Rury
MR. H. S. GRIFFIN (second from left) RECEIVES TROPHY as "Bison of the Decade" at last Thursday's assembly from Mr. R. C. Stokes, assistant principal. To Mr. Griffin's right are three of the "Bisons of the Year," Frank Sheffield, John Chilton, and John Robertson. Jay Johnston, 1968 Bison of the Year, was also present.

Ex-Principal Receives Plaque, Gift at Assembly

Mr. H. S. Griffin, former principal of Sunset, was honored by students and faculty with the presentation of a plaque, "Bison of the Decade", and a color television in the Adamson pep assembly, November 15. The presentation was made by Mr. R. C. Stokes, assistant principal.

Mr. Griffin was guest speaker at the assembly. He spoke to the football team about the "tough" Bisons and the way in which no matter what, "nothing can keep the Bisons down."

Mr. Griffin told the student body and faculty of the great pride that he and every good Bison had in his school and country. He told of the excitement and joy that he shared with the team as they met each and every one of their opponents, and the pleasure that he felt in

returning for a short while to Sunset.

Dr. W. T. White, retired superintendent of schools and ex-principal of Sunset, and Mr. Frank Guzik, ex-assistant principal of Sunset, and Mrs. Griffin were among those present at the assembly.

Ex-Bisons of the Year, Frank Sheffield of 1961, John Chilton of 1965, John Robertson of 1966, and Jay Johnston of 1968 were also present. Former class officers and former teachers were also among those who attended the traditional assembly to hear the Bison speak.

Mrs. B. W. Duff, president of the PTA, announced the dedication of the 1968-69 PTA Yearbook to Mr. Floyd Mechler, head coach of the Big Bison team.

'Mattress' Cast Chosen From Choir Members

A charming princess, formally titled Winnefred the Woebegone; Prince Dauntless the Drag, who is searching for a wife; a mute, henpecked king called Sextimus the Silent; a chatty, loudmouthed queen known as Aggravain; an attractive young couple in an extremely uncomfortable position; assorted minstrels, jesters, and wizards—all these join forces in the creation of the musical presented by the Concert Choir this year, "Once Upon a Mattress."

Roles for the production were announced on November 15. Toni Glover will play the part of Winnefred. Dauntless will be characterized by Sandy Stuart. Melissa Bentley, has been chosen to portray Queen Aggravain, and Robert Trull will be her husband, King Sextimus.

The young couple, Lady Tarben and Sir Harry, will be played by Sally McCord, and Wally Bradford. John Dunlap will be the Minstrel, with Duncan Ramsey playing the King Jester.

Paul Keen will play the court's wondrous Wizard. Assorted Lords and Ladies have been cast as Nancy Peesley, Jan Siebel, John Cattaneo, and Richard Tucker.

The Dancers will be Janet Armstrong, Bert Calvert, Kay Atkinson, Ron Haskins, Linda Belland, Steve Hooten, Cindy Calhoun, Jack Long, Gwen Calvert, Phil Mayfield, Pat Hairston, Greg Morris, Ruthann Singleton, and Phil Nichols.

Understudies will be as follows: Pr'ncess Winnefred, Gwen Calvert; Prince Dauntless, Bobby Pardue; Queen Aggravain, Adri-

enne Anderson; King Sextimus, Bruce Ruip; Lady Tarben, Kay Atkinson; Sir Harry, Lonnie Pritzen; Minstrel, Bill Dougherty; Jester, Bert Calvert; and Wizard, Randy Smith.

Fifteen parts have not yet been cast. They will be chosen from choir members who tried out for other parts.

The musicals will be presented on February 27, 28, and March 1.

Look-Alikes Confuse Teachers, Boy Friends, Even Parents

Some strange twists in life—both good and bad—can come from being a twin, especially an identical twin. This has been the experience of some of Sunset's "look-alikes."

Larry Curry, junior, missed a meal when he was a baby because his mother got confused and fed his brother Lynn twice.

Debbie and Donna Doss cause much confusion among their teachers, and even their boyfriends, by occasionally trading identities.

Carolyn and Susan Moore dress alike, and as a result not even their parents can tell them apart. Pat and Mike Seay can confuse the closest observer, too, but there is a little clue we'll let you in on—Pat parts his hair on the left and Mike on the right... or is it Pat on the right and Mike—better just forget it.

One of the most prominent sets of twins is Steve and Ricky Jett. Steve is a cheerleader, and



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Students Give Red Cross \$115

Red Cross enrollment brought more money this year than at any time in the past five years.

A total of \$115.30 was collected November 6 by advisory representatives. Mrs. Iris Farmer, Red Cross sponsor, reported, "There was more overall student participation than in several years."

Sixty-three dollars will be given to the National Red Cross for enrollment. The remaining \$52.30 will be used toward a Friendship Kit sent by the National Red Cross to Vietnamese children and for Red Cross publicity.

Newscaster to Speak At Assembly Nov. 27

Mr. Bob Gooding, newscaster for WFAA radio, will be guest speaker for the annual Sunset Thanksgiving program Wednesday, November 27.

Mr. Gooding spent 30 days last summer in Viet Nam. His purpose was to go with an unprejudiced mind to learn what our servicemen in Viet Nam are thinking. In speaking to Sunset's student body, Mr. Gooding will attempt to convey what he discovered on this trip.

Mr. Gooding, reporter, traveled with cameraman, Fred Hatten, to the war torn country as a result of a promotion and public service by WFAA and ABC radio and television stations.

Advertisements were run for a month previously asking for the locations of Dallas and Fort Worth boys in Viet Nam. Mr. Gooding and Mr. Hatten were sent where the most Dallas and Fort Worth servicemen were stationed. There they filmed the

Ricky is president of the Junior Class.

Thomas and Timothy Bader, 3B's, gave Sunset math teacher, Mrs. Dorothy Hudson, a hard time by switching classes.

Speaking of twins coming in handy, once when senior Kay Campbell didn't want to keep a date, she sent her twin Sue in her place. The poor boy never knew the difference.

Even the fraternal twins (not identical) have problems with people who confuse them. Sharon Errey, 2B, is often counted absent by her study hall teacher, Mrs. Virginia Riddle, when her twin Karen is absent. Juniors Mary and Sarah Davis also are frequently confused, but they have a definite difference—Mary is left-handed.

The biggest difference of all lies between three sets of twins. They are never confused simply because one is a boy and one is a girl. These pairs are Janice and Robert Bartlett, Patricia and Pat Bowles, and Debbie and Donald Wempe.

Bison Night Brings Prizes, Fun, Shows

Prizes, cakewalks, and a lot of dunkings were all part of the fun of the annual Bison Night last Friday.

Mrs. James E. White won a color television by holding the winning ticket.

Virginia White led sophomores in ticket sales, Barbara Reeder the juniors, and Vicki Henry the seniors.

Miss Shirley Davenport's homeroom recorded the highest number of ticket sales.

Connie Gostas, 4B, overall top salesman, who won a stereo rec-

ord player for selling 478 tickets, also won a tape recorder and AM-FM radio her junior year and a transistor her sophomore year for selling tickets. She attributes her success to "determination." Connie is also a member of Miss Davenport's class which won the highest class sales award.

The main feature of the evening was entertainment given by students including Paul Hamilton, The Sunshine in the Shade Singers, Village Four, Andy Aaron, and Charlene Aiken. The St. Petersburg Unharmonious Fractured Four provided some comedy.

Tumblettes sponsored what started out to be a pie walk. They soon ran out of pies and had to resort to a record walk. After running out of records, they had a chicken walk to help get rid of some of the chicken in the lunchroom.

Mr. R. C. Stokes was repaid for past "offenses" when someone won a pie and took it over to the sponge-throw and threw

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Taylor, Watkins Named Field Service Finalists

Suzette Taylor and Debbie Watkins were announced Monday as the finalists for the American Field Service foreign exchange by the AFS committee.

Suzette and Debbie were chosen on the basis of their grades, recommendations, and interviews with the committee.

"Even if I don't make national finalist, the experiences make the trouble worthwhile," stated Debbie.

"You can learn so much about customs just by living with a family," was one of the reasons Suzette wanted to go abroad as an exchange student. Debbie added that it would give her an opportunity to see how well she could get along with people.

Suzette's and Debbie's applications have been sent to New York where they will be reviewed along with others from all over the United States. Six long months lie between the girls and

news from New York. Then, even if they make national finalists, it will be June before they know if they can be placed in a foreign home.

The AFS committee, headed by Rev. David Pittenger, consisted of Mrs. Tom Williams, Mrs. B. C. Barnes, and Mrs. Charles Quade.

TALENT PROGRAM SLATED FRIDAY

Guitar soloists and folk singers will dominate the annual talent show tomorrow in the auditorium.

"The show will contain approximately ten acts and will provide entertainment for everyone to enjoy," said Mrs. Carolyn Martin, coordinator of the production. "State Fair winners, drummers, singers, guitarists, and singing will be combined to produce one of the best shows ever."

Two Practice Teachers Have Interest in Music and Travel

"I love Sunset. I think it is the best school I have been in."

These were the complimentary words of Mr. Tommy Marion, college student teacher of Spanish under Mr. Fred Sallis.

Mr. Marion is a former student of Jesuit High School and Southern Methodist University. As a freshman at SMU he played in the band.

After graduation in December Mr. Marion plans to teach Spanish in "some school." His hobbies include music, travel, and going

to the movies.

Another student teacher at Sunset is Mr. Robert Brook, who is working under Mr. William F. White in the Vocal Music Department.

Although he is studying to be a teacher, it has been disclosed that his greatest ambition is to be an opera singer.

Mr. Brook went to high school in St. Louis, Missouri, where he took as electives three classes in music and two foreign languages. He is now in Southern Methodist.

A Way to Show Thanks

We especially enjoy our health after an illness, or our food when we are very hungry. We are then particularly thankful.

As young Americans we have always had good fortune of living in a country of freedom and opportunity. It takes a little more effort to be thankful for the things we have always experienced. Actually, we seldom recognize how fortunate we are to be in our present environment, when we, like everyone in the world, really had no part in choosing our country, our parents, or our physical and mental gifts.

A privilege not used is often lost. This Thanksgiving, let's exercise our freedom of worship and acknowledge the true source of our benefits.

Why We Have Schools

In this rush, rush, mad world of school life, filled with football, pep assemblies, Bisonettes, senior play, debate tournaments, Bison Night, and a host of other events, we sometimes forget the primary purpose of attending school. Yes, the old rusty concept of "learning" is still the major aspect of school, even though we sometimes may wish it weren't.

Sometimes a student is criticized because he is not taking advantage of all the activity opportunities offered him. What the accusers don't realize is that learning is still the primary purpose of school.

Our first responsibility to our school—and to ourselves—is to achieve academically. The next, then, is to pursue other activities. Learning is what we are here for. Let's take advantage of this opportunity first.

DUST FROM THE HERD

Who Was Surprised? ... Upside Down Balloon ... Paul's Great Author Too?

During Miss Shareve Hood's orchestra class senior, Debbie Morris and sophomore, Rita Bond could not be found anywhere around. Thinking that hiding from the teacher would be a big joke, Debbie and Rita had shut themselves behind the sliding cabinet doors which cover the instruments. After half the period had passed, they threw open the doors and yelled, "Surprise!"

Miss Hood, not thinking it quite so funny, took a vote from the class to see if they thought Debbie and Rita should remain behind the doors for the rest of the period.

The class voted. Miss Hood pushed the two girls back again and LOCKED the doors!

Paula Henderson, junior, must have "got up on the wrong side of the bed," on November 5. In class, that day she happened to notice her feet. She went to the office to see Mr. Stokes.

"Mr. Stokes, may I go home

and change shoes?" she asked. Mr. Stokes looked at Paula's feet and burst out into laughter. She had on two different kinds of shoes.

You probably noticed the fine job the Bisonettes did decorating the auditorium for the Adamson game pep assembly.

You may also have noticed that one of the balloons used as decorations—one single balloon filled with helium—floated up toward the ceiling instead of hanging down as did the others.

The Bisonette managers listened patiently to countless persons making wisecracks about it. But temper won over patience, finally.

When Steve Pardue walked by and said, "What's that freak balloon doing up there?" Leah Starnes stepped up and replied, "Nothing is wrong with it. I blew it up upside down!"

Marian Carder was checking another student's paper in Mrs.

Hood's first period English class. Suddenly Marian paused, looked again, then indulged in a polite laugh. The reason for the amusement? The student's paper, which was on "The Pilgrim's Progress," had the author listed as none other than that superman of North American folklore—Paul Bunyan!

Many hours of hard work go into researching for debate teams for each tournament. Many hours more go into preparing the arguments. A lot more is required when you're on the team that's rated twelfth in the nation—especially if you're the president.

But it was all worth it to get the glory and recognition when Jack McClure, Forensic League president waited in the wings for his introduction at the NFL award assembly Wednesday of last week.

Then came the introduction: And now I'd like to present the president of the Bison Forensic League—Jack LONG!



Photo by Jay Rury
Auditorium is a good place to relax, eh, Barry and Kathy?

BISONALITIES

Kathy Digs All Music; 'Peace' is Barry's Wish

"In the seventh grade, I was the only girl at Rosemont who'd play football and baseball with the boys. That was fun!" said Kathy Burke, a Bisonette, head of the Student Life section in the Sundial, treasurer of the Speakers and Fold clubs, and a member of the Drama and Good Scholarship clubs.

"I consider music to be a main part of my life," said Kathy. "It really doesn't matter which kind I listen to either. A concert or a pop song mean something as long as it says something to me."

She singled out "Cycles," by Frank Sinatra to be one of her favorite songs and she also

craves the music of Peter, Paul, and Mary and Arlo Guthrie. "These people speak to me," she explains.

The main thing Kathy likes about Sunset is the people. "People make up this world, and you have to know and understand them to really be human."

If Kathy could change anything about Sunset she'd give each student, who didn't already have one, a mind of his own. "I don't like puppets, or people who are controlled by others and won't speak their mind."

Kathy admires Barbara Streisand more than any other person in the world. "She really says something to me," Kathy remarks. But she added that she respects Mr. Filgo, Miss Branson, Mr. Watson, Donna Morris, and Cheryl Walthers because, "They are individuals and are very sincere and dedicated people."

In five years Kathy hopes to be employed in same field of social work. She explains, "I want to help those who haven't had the same chance that I've had."

"If I had one wish granted, I think I would wish for peace and understanding between all nations on this world," says Barry McConnell, after giving the subject quite a bit of consideration.

Barry is president of the 1969 Senior Class, a Student Council member, and president of the Flicker Club. He has been on the varsity team for two years, and plays defensive end and guard.

As a child, Barry says, he spent a great deal of his time either in the principal's office or in the corner. Through the expert guidance of his various teachers in Lida Hooe elementary school, and W. E. Greiner Junior High, he has become one of the most outstanding and respected boys now a part of the "Big Bison Team."

Barry's favorites here at Sunset consist of the initiation of sophomores into Sunset to make them feel welcome; the Adamson assembly with the Bison speaking; and the two methods of teaching used by Mr. Jack Roten

ROUNDUP

By PATTI RAGLE

It's Thanksgiving time again. Soon Bisons will be tripping merrily over the meadows and through the woods to grandmother's house; or in many cases, over to Colonel Sander's for a quick lunch before the football games begin.

But have you ever imagined how a turkey must feel as autumn nips the air? Here she is just settling down to her Christmas shopping when she's suddenly in demand and she loses her head. It's inhuman.

I'm in favor of breaking tradition and making the holiday dinner of something else. I thought about pelican, but you just can't get good pelican meat any more. Besides, there would be a fight over who got the legs. Bologna is always nice. Actually, it's not nice at all, but maybe if you put a little dressing and cranberry sauce on it, you can choke it down. A nice, conservative meal is beans and franks. Somehow, though, it doesn't quite remind one of the pilgrims.

Maybe the safest thing to do is take advantage of the superb turkey dinner provided by the school administration. Well, it isn't really the safest, but it tops bologna and cranberry sauce—or does it? Well, no matter because it still brings a crowd of the "lunch bringing, lunch slinging" gang into the lunch lines. The regular members of the line are not very happy about the longer line but they realize their visitors will get their just reward.

You may by chance, be fortunate enough to be in the small group whose family still has a big dinner together. If so, you may also be in the unfortunate group who has relatives who drop by just as you're about to eat. Pity you if you are. You must endure such phrases as "My, how you've grown. I didn't remember you being so fat!" and "Don't worry, dear. You'll outgrow your acne. Of course, the scars..."

Yes, Thanksgiving has its disadvantages but then again it has its blessings. Too often, however, we are so caught up in our own self-centered material thoughts that we don't give these blessings a chance to show through. How about making this year special by remembering the real purpose of Thanksgiving?

and Mr. William Watson.

"I don't like people who think that under no circumstances they could ever be wrong or mistaken about something," he says. Barry feels that if people would give each other the opportunity to explain themselves there would be a lot fewer angry and upset people.

Barry would like to be married by the time he is 25 and live in either Vermont or Colorado. Before marriage he plans to attend Stephen F. Austin.

For some unknown reason, the rugged football hero is terribly horrified of snakes!



by Mayfield

450 Participate In Drivers Test

The third Educational Television Driver's Education test was given November 15 at 7:30 a.m. to approximately four hundred and fifty students.

This test was one of a series of six that drivers' education students take at school. An average grade of 70 must be obtained on all six tests in order to pass the course.

In previous years this course was taken in physical education classes and taught by P.E. teachers. This year Mr. Elmer Knox teaches these classes, and the course may be taken in place of P.E.

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Juniors Elect Officers Who Served Soph Year

There's one sure thing about Junior Class officers—they are experienced.

For the second consecutive year, members of the class of '70 have elected the same slate of officers—those chosen as Sophomore Class leaders last year.

The officers, elected November 6, are Ricky Jett, president; Mark Roberts, vice-president; Ruth Ann Singleton, secretary; and Jan Siebel, treasurer.

They are experienced in other ways too. Ricky Jett has played basketball and was elected Most Popular Sophomore Boy. Mark

Roberts has played football, was in the Key Club, is in Student Council, and was runner up for Most Popular Sophomore Boy.

Ruth Ann Singleton is a cheerleader, a member of the Concert Choir and Student Council, and was elected Most Popular Sophomore Girl.

Jan Siebel is a Bisonette, was a member of last year's Girls Select Chorus, is a member of the Student Council and Concert Choir, and was elected Sophomore Princess Runner up.

Sunset Rifles Defeat Carter; McElroy High

Arnold McElroy, with a 251, was high scorer in the rifle team match with Carter November 7. Cal Newman followed close with 248.

Sunset beat Carter with a total of 1196 points to their 873. Sunset, still undefeated in city competition, has been first in the city for the last seven or eight years.

The rifle team is also firing the Texas Arts and Industries match here at school, sending in the targets.

The Officers Club has been organized. Officers of the club are Danny McElroy, president, Cal Newman, treasurer. The club, like an Officers Club on an army base, has parties and works out problems in the corps.

Facilities and classes of ROTC were inspected yesterday by officers from the Senior Army Instructor's Office.

JCTC Hears Chief of Police

Nine members of Sunset's Junior Citizens Traffic Commission attended the sixteenth annual Dallas County Youth for Traffic Safety Conference, sponsored by Citizens Traffic Commission and the Dallas Association of Insurance Agents, at Southern Methodist University Monday.

Those from Sunset were Terry Johnson, Kay Kuchenbacker, John Newman, Jimmie Barnes, James Guthrie, Ronda Sawyer, Sally Markle, Debra Morrison, and Joan Hammond.

Sessions were held in Seelman Hall. Mr. Charles Batchelor, chief of police for the city of Dallas, was the principal speaker.

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BISON NIGHT

it at "Mr. Stokes." Barry McConnell, 4B, bought a bucket of water and soaked "Coach Billy Kidd."

Miss Mary Anna Branson's production of the melodrama "The Valiant Villain" was quite entertaining. However, she admitted that not everything went as smoothly as she had hoped. She said that they temporarily lost their hero, Jay Tarwater and when the curtain went up they still had not found him. They were surprised by his running down the aisle from the back of the audience to make his entrance. That fantastic flip by Cliff McCarter was also somewhat unexpected.

PTA YEARBOOK DEDICATED TO COACH MECHLER

The 1968-69 Parent-Teacher Association yearbook has been dedicated to Mr. Floyd Mechler, head football coach at Sunset the past five years.

This was disclosed by Mrs. Billy W. Duff, PTA president, in the Adamson pep assembly last Thursday.

The membership drive of the PTA has closed for the year, Mrs. Duff says. Parents may still join, however, although it will not be possible to print their names in the yearbook.



Courtesy the Dallas Times Herald

NFL TROPHY FOR TWELFTH RANK in the nation is received by Jack McClure, president of the Sunset chapter, and Principal Harold J. Filgo. On the right is Dr. Bruno E. Jacob, national executive secretary, who made the presentation.

MAKES NFL AWARD

'Life Is Competitive,' Says Visiting Speaker

"Being good isn't good enough," said Mr. Bruno Jacob, executive secretary of the National Forensic League in assembly November 13.

"We live in a competitive world and by the time a person leaves high school, he should have learned to accept competition and to adjust to failure as a reality of life," added the visiting speaker.

Mr. Jacob, who came from Wisconsin for the presentation of the Leading Chapter Award for excellence in speech, presented it to Jack McClure, president of the Bison Forensic League, who in turn presented it to Mr. Harold J. Filgo.

Mr. Filgo said, "The thing that means so much to me about this plaque is the time devoted to achieving it by students and teachers."

Jean Owens, Kathy Kempfer, Ronnie Defate, and Jimmy Davis gave a "mini-debate" for

the benefit of the student body. Mrs. Wanda Banker and Miss Rebecca Thayer, both former speech teachers, were guests of honor. Both teachers have earned the Diamond Key award which represents 30,000 NFL points.

Sunset's victory over Kimball last spring in the Interscholastic League Events helped Sunset earn this award. Sunset took five first places to Kimball's three in speech events. This helped Sunset retire the Kiwanis Club Sweepstakes Award by winning it a third time.

This was the twelfth time Sunset had won the award in the last 20 years and no other school has retired a trophy since 1950.

National ranking is not new to Sunset. Last year the BFL sponsored the largest speech tournament in Oak Cliff history as more than 1,000 high school students from 38 schools and three states visited Sunset. That tournament was among the 12 largest in the nation.

Three teachers handle the speech program at Sunset this year. Dramatic events are sponsored by Miss Mary Anna Branson, speaking events by Mrs. Carolyn Martin, and debate by Mr. David Moffat.

Bison Golfers Beat Kimball

The Sunset varsity golf team shut out Kimball 6-0 in a practice match November 13 and 14 at Stevens Park. Second and third stringers lost to the Knights. The Bisons outpointed Kimball overall 10½-7½.

Number one and two players, David Boatwright and John Fowell, won 3 points in their match against the Knights, who had been rated the top team in the district. Mike Carmichael and Ronnie Ross also blanked their opponents.

The Bison team of Tommy Lemarr and Johnny D. McWhorter, Ed Yowell, and Jerry Hast lost 3½-2½. The Sunset points were picked up by Yowell and Hast.

Steve Owens, Jimmy Hart, Tim Graves, and Mike Parker lost their match 4-2. Graves and Parker scored the 2 points.

Y-Teens Grow, Continue Community Service, Progress

Y-Teens have an increase of 34 members over last year. Last year the club consisted of 14 members; this year there are 48.

Y-Teens will go today to the Children's Medical Center, taking tray favors which they have prepared for the patients.

Saturday they plan to continue the cleanup on the graveyard on Fort Worth Avenue. The president, Judy Thomason, said, "Last time we didn't even make a dent in all the mess."

Along with other Oak Cliff Y-Teens Clubs, they gave an exhibit last Saturday at the World Fellowship Festival at the downtown YWCA. They sold toy Santa Clauses, rings made from telephone wire, and bean necklaces, all of which they helped to make. The money goes to help World Fellowship and Y-Teens in other countries.

Y-Teens are presently saving their extra money, made at projects such as their baseball throw at Bison Night, to "adopt" several children in a service called "Christmas for Others." They will buy presents and fill stockings for each orphan child they adopt. Last year they adopted four children; this year they hope to include six or seven.

At the club's initiation last Thursday, the new member had

to eat onions on crackers, sing the Y-Teens song around school, and wear Micky Mouse signs all day. They plan to have a Thanksgiving party November 27 after school. They are striving for the Y-Teens trophy, which is given to the club with the most service projects at the end of the year.

Spotlight Band Ranked Third In Area Contest

The Spotlight Band ranked in the third division November 12 in the Interscholastic League regional contest.

They were graded on carriage and playing. Before they marched they stood inspection, in which each member was carefully inspected and could be asked such questions as "How is your horn transposed?" or "How many sharps or flats in a certain key?" Or the judge could ask the band member to play something.

The band ordered uniform band jackets last week. The jackets will be purple, with leather sleeves.

Band officers are Billy Everitt, president; Randy Kubena, vice-president; Marilyn Cozby, secretary-treasurer.

KLUB KAPERS

Hammond Elected Secretary At District FBLA Meeting

Patricia Hammond, junior, was elected secretary of District 5, Future Business Leaders of America on November 2 at the district convention.

Debbie Morris and Jennifer Bell represented Sunset in vocabulary and spelling contests, respectively.

FBLA is now planning fund-raising projects in order to attend the state convention in February.

Working on coming contests at Houston-Lamar and Mesquite, Speakers Club members have set up student committees to criticize speeches of members.

Officers of the club are Robert Trull, president; Tommy Lemarr, vice president; Cindy Pine, secretary; and Kathy Burke, treasurer.

The Tumblettes gave their first public performance at Bison Night November 15. They are working on a program to present at the Presbyterian Home.

The Creative Writers Club hopes to have a literary publi-

'Freedom' Theme Used in Contest

"Freedom's Challenge" is the general topic for this year's Voice of Democracy contest, according to Miss Carolyn Martin, sponsor.

Entrants submitted before the deadline yesterday three-minute speeches, written for competition with students from the entire nation. The nation-wide winner will be given a \$5,000 scholarship to the college of his choice, and an opportunity to deliver his speech before the United States Congress.

The best of the Sunset entries will be submitted to the city-wide contest.

245 Top Students Get Certificates

A total of 245 scholarship certificates were presented in an assembly November 12 to students who completed their sophomore or junior year last spring at Sunset with at least a B average and no grade lower than a C.

Students who received these certificates are now members of the Good Scholarship Club, sponsored by Mrs. Lola Eaton.

Mr. Harold Filgo, principal, presented each individual student with his certificate, while Mr. Stokes called each student's name.

Bison Five to Meet Colonels Friday

After three practice games with Bryan Adams, Samuell, and Highland Park, the Bison basketball team will scrimmage the South Garland Colonels tomorrow at 7:45 p.m. at the Garland gym.

"The boys have a lot of desire and they're really a smart bunch of kids," said Coach Rufus Moore regarding the 1968-1969 cage team.

"We'll have a lot of stiff competition from South Oak Cliff and Roosevelt, but when boys

put out as much effort as these do then we're bound to go pretty far," continued Coach Moore speculating on this year's season. The Golden Bears and Mustangs both have all of their returning lettermen from last year.

The Bison team boasts two returning lettermen in forwards James Hinton and Kenneth Thornton. Hinton is a 6-foot 3-inch senior while Thornton is a 6-foot 2-inch junior.

Jumping at the center position will be 6 foot 3 senior Ronnie Kavanaugh. The job of the two guards is still undecided. Four boys seem to be equally qualified for the position. Coach Moore is keeping a very watchful eye on the four, Mike Kinney, David Thompson, Dan Wall, and Ricky Jett.

Before the season opener with B. T. Washington on December 10, Sunset will scrimmage four other teams.

Other games scheduled in the next two weeks: November 29, Sunset vs. Lake Highlands at Sprague, 8:30; November 29, Sunset vs. Lake Highlands at Sprague, 8:30; November 30, Sunset vs. Spruce at Sprague, 7:00; December 2, Sunset vs. Hillcrest, Hillcrest, 7:45; December 3, Sunset vs. Highland Park, there, 7:45.



BISON TRACKS

By BILL PHIPPS

Ricky Duff, Bison quarterback, was the only player in the city to be named on both the offensive and defensive all-district teams in the Dallas News choices. Duff won the honors as quarterback and defensive halfback. Sunset's great end Gary Youngkin made the offensive team, and so did Rudy Jaramillo, despite a knee injury which caused him to miss several games. Don Randell, fullback, also got a slot on the team for his fine performance at linebacker. Big Jeff Smith and Barry McConnell received honorable mention as linemen.

If the Cougars are really up for their bi-district playoff game tomorrow night with SOC, the Bears may need a few breaks to overcome "Green Power."

Bryan Adams, winner of 11-AAAA with a 8-2 season mark, and SOC, victor in 12-AAAA with a 10-0 tally, clash at 7:30 in P. C. Cobb Stadium. Advance tickets are \$1.25 for adults and 75 cents for students. Regular season tickets may be used, or \$2 may be paid for admission at the gate.

Unexpected, wide-margin wins and upsets caused considerable excitement in the unpredictable race in District 12 this year. Sunset certainly had its share of mixups. Although Irving has looked sharp all season, their season opening rout of Sunset, 57-6, is still unaccountable. Kimball beat the Bisons in a close one 21-20, and then was bagged 42-7 by Carter, whom Sunset stopped convincingly 33-16. After the Bisons' great win over Adamson last week 42-12, it is difficult to understand how the Leopards could take Woodrow, since Woodrow beat Sunset 28-7. Mysteriously, Roosevelt pulled off its only season victory over the Wildcats, 13-9. The Bisons crushed the Mustangs 52-0. The SOC Bears barely scraped by Sunset 14-6, after shutting out Woodrow and Kimball decisively.

Of course, the real shocker was a win for North Dallas, 13-6, over Roosevelt, giving the N.D. Bulldogs their first victory in 29 games.

As it stacks up in District 12, SOC wins the crown with eight straight triumphs. Tied for second are Carter, Kimball, Sunset, and Woodrow Wilson, all with 5-3 records. Adamson, with 4-4, leads North Dallas, Roosevelt, and Washington, each of whom have one win and seven losses.



SUNSET'S BISONS FINISHED IN A TIE for second place in District 12. Members of the squad shown here are as follows: First row—Coach Huey, Hatcher, F. Smith, Duff, Jaramillo, R. Smith, Randell, Vincent, Donovan, Sims, McCalib, J. Smith, Juergens, Alsbrook, Sitter, manager, Coach Kidd; second row—Coach Hudson, Edwards, Higgins, manager, Davis, Brumit, Roberts, Betz, Hampton, Waldrum, Tucker, Burden, Curry, Fain, Curry, Simmons, Hall, Brauch, manager, Coach Mechler; third row—Stuart, Price, McFadin, McConnell, Henderson, Steger, Patin, Youngkin, Cattaneo, Bradford, M. Smith, Taylor, Crisp, Burden.

Photo by Jimmy Hylton

Bisons End Season with 6-4 Mark After Bludgeoning Leopards 42-12

Sunset finished off a well fought season as the Bisons exploded in the last half to sack Adamson 42-12 on November 14 at Sprague Field.

A solid defense, bolstered by outstanding team work and a driving offense, combined to pull out the Bisons' fifth district win, against three losses.

The Leopards scored first on a one-yard run by Robert Kissel, up by an interception of a quarterback Ricky Duff pass, with 1:09 left in the first period. The point after touchdown was wide and the score was 6-0.

Adamson successfully recov-

ered their inside kick but was unable to move the ball. After one threatening Bison drive failed, fullback Jimmy Edwards stepped in and gave the Bisons their first of six touchdowns on

a 16-yard run in the waning minutes of the first half. Duff gambled and cused in the two-pointer with an end run.

Gary Youngkin stepped into the spotlight in the second half as he caught two passes for touchdowns on plays of 58 and 15 yards. Youngkin also played a fine defensive game.

Eight minutes deep in the second half Jack Frampton hit Don Dickson for six points in Adamson's first drive. An attempted pass for two points failed.

Sunset then came alive as Edwards and Duff led Bisons in a drive to the six, where Duff hit Billy Patin to make it 14-12. The PAT was good.

Late in the third period Duff started a Bison explosion when he ran 13 yards for the score in a drive spearheaded by Edwards. The kick was good and Sunset led 21-12.

Edwards, also a defensive standout, charged over from 12 yard line on a second down play in the same quarter. The conversion kick was blocked and it stood 27-12.

Youngkin took a Duff pass and ran for a 56 yard touchdown early in the final period, and the kick was true.

Sunset's final score came with 4:52 left in the game on a 15-yard Duff aerial TD to Youngkin, set up on an interception. The PAT by Terry Waldrum served up a 42-12 Bison victory.

Netters Win Four Trophies At Arlington

The Sunset tennis team brought home four trophies from the annual invitation tournament at Arlington November 16 and 17.

Placing second in the girls 18 and under singles was Ouida Lovell. Ouida lost to Ann Malary from Richardson 6-2, 6-3.

Ricky Marshall and Ouida advanced to the finals in mixed doubles, but Ricky was unable to finish because of a sprained wrist. Brad Hodge took his place. Ouida and Brad received first place trophies after defeating Dr. and Mrs. Langford from Arlington.

Miss Darlene Pitts, Sunset tennis coach, won women's singles against Lancaster 6-2, 6-4.

The tournament, held at Randall Mill Courts, was sponsored by the Arlington Tennis Association and Recreation Department. Participating in it were representatives from Sunset, Richardson, Adamson, Lancaster, Fort Worth, Highland Park, L.D. Bell, and Arlington.

Bison Make It Close, But Bears Win 14-6

By JACK McCURE

South Oak Cliff's Golden Bears snapped a three-year-old jinx in the swamp that was Swansboro Field and handed the Sunset eleven a 14-6 loss November 8.

Before this, the Bears had lost two zone games in the last three seasons, and both of the losses were to Sunset.

The Bisons scored on the second play from scrimmage when fullback Don Randell hanged over from the 2-yard line. On the first play, Ricky Duff had passed to Gary Youngkin for a 51-yard gain. This marked the first time SOC had been scored on in zone competition this year.

Sunset threatened to make it two touchdowns to none for the Bears in the second quarter, starting a drive from their own 39-yard line. Most of the yardage was gained through the grinding running of Randell. The drive was thwarted on the 3-yard line when the fourth play from inside the 10 failed to pierce the SOC goal line.

The Bears rebounded late in the same quarter when Hodge Mitchell, who gained 112 yards in 23 carries, swept around end for three yards and the tally. The drive began on the Bear 18. The kick for point was good, and SOC went to the dressing room with a 7-6 edge.

The Bears added an insurance touchdown in the fourth quarter after receiving the ball on the 27, following a short punt. Floyd Whaley was illegally hit as he fielded the ball on a fair catch signal, and this moved the ball to the Sunset 13-yard line. Quarterback Mike

McDaniel went to the air and hit Danny Colbert coming across from his left end position for eight yards and the touchdown. Again the PAT was successful.

Late in the game the Bisons had a chance to score again and possibly tie the game. Facing fourth and five on the South Oak Cliff 15-yard line, they could gain only one of the five yards needed. The Bears then ran out the clock.

Defensive standouts for the Bisons were Wally Bradford, Dennis Steger, Pat Donovan, John McCalib, James Edwards, and Randell.

Mechler's Career Blends Experience As College Star, High School Coach

By BILL PHIPPS

Experience and excellence best describe the qualities of the man who five years ago got Sunset's football team back on its feet and running.

Head Coach Floyd Mechler was born and schooled through senior high in Hondo, Texas. At Hondo High School, he played football, baseball, and ran track. On the football scene, he moved up from guard and end in his first two years, to fullback in his junior and senior years. His team suffered scarcely a loss during his entire high school stand. Coincidentally, Sunset history teacher Mr. Jimmy Green coached Hondo's arch rival, Uvalde High School.

An athletic scholarship drew young Mr. Mechler to Rice University in 1935. In his prime as an Owl, he played offensive fullback and defensive fullback and

linebacker. Coach Mechler played three-fourths of the game as Rice, after winning their conference, met Colorado in the Cotton Bowl and pulled off a 28-14 victory.

Graduation from Rice saw Mr. Mechler begin his coaching career in South Texas high schools. Smiley High School advanced all the way to regionals under him in 1940. In June of 1941, he entered the service in the Corps of Engineers. Resuming as a coach at the end of World War II in 1946, he remained at Kennedy High School for three years and instructed at Elgin and Seaguin High schools until 1956.

The staff of Thomas Jefferson in Dallas enjoyed Mr. Mechler's services as head baseball and assistant football coach until he came to Sunset as head coach in 1963. While at T.J., Mr. Mechler coached T.J. football and

baseball player, Orville Hudson, who joined Sunset's coaching staff in 1967.

Mr. Mechler attributes much of his success to the "young, energetic coaches," with which he surrounds himself and feels that his biggest job as head coach is preparing his players mentally. Eighty percent of high school football consists of mental attitude, he believes.

Originator of the present "Marine" training system, Mr. Mechler endorses a vigorous off-season fitness program. Among his aids is a development chart which lets each athlete see his progress and therefore gives him a sense of pride when he improves.

Superior coaching undoubtedly resulted in Sunset's South Zone victory last year, and points to even more promising seasons in the future.