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SCENE FROM ASSEMBLY PREVIEW of the choir's "Once Upon a Mattress" shows the meeting of the Jester Duncan Ramsey, King Sextimus Robert Trull, Princess Winnifred (Toni Glover), and Prince Dauntless the Drab (Sandy Stuart). Curtain time for the show tonight is 8.

THREE PERFORMANCES SCHEDULED

Musical Opens Tonight

After two months of tugging and folding—rehearsals, that is—the "bed" will finally be made when the 1969 Concert Choir presents its production of "Once Upon a Mattress" tonight, Friday, and Saturday. Curtain time each night is 8 o'clock.

The show promises to be full of fun, laughter, and many surprises for everyone as the Concert Choir takes you back to the days of old when knights were bold and knighthood was in flower.

Tickets are \$1 and may be obtained from any Concert Choir member.

The two-act comedy, a parody

of the fairy tale "The Princess and the Pea," is based on a book by Jay Thompson, Marshall Barber, and Dean Fuller. It was put into play form by Barber with music by Mary Rodgers.

The story takes place in an anonymous kingdom around 1428 and revolves around a certain peculiar law. The law states: "Throughout the land no one may wed 'till Dauntless shares his marriage bed."

This, of course, presents problems to everyone in the land, especially Dauntless, who wants desperately to get married, but his overbearing mother, the queen, will not let him. She keeps throwing obstacles in the paths of his prospective brides, but finally comes up against a princess she cannot defeat.

The antics of the minstrel, the jester, the wizard, and King Sextimus the Silent, who has no trouble communicating, add to the rollicking fun of the play.

Principal members of the cast are Queen Aggravain, played by Melissa Bentley; King Sextimus, the Silent, Robert Trull; Prince Dauntless, the Drab, Sandy Stuart; Princess Winnifred, the Woebegone, Toni Glover; Lady Lark, Sally McCord; Sir Harry, Wally Bradford; the Jester, Duncan Ramsey; the Wizard, Paul Keen; the Minstrel, John Dunlap; Emily, Shirley Martin. The cast also includes various Lords and Ladies, fourteen dancers, and the entire Concert Choir.

The musical will be directed by Mr. William White, assisted by Sandi Sures, 1967 Sunset graduate. Accompanists are Wayne Putnam and Donna Draves on piano, Bill Holloway on bass, and James Gidden on drums.

Mrs. Donna McCollins, 1968 Sunset graduate, is in charge of the choreography. Terry Johnson, senior, will be in charge of lighting. The elaborate sets were made by the boys of the wood-

shop and painted by the Art Department. Kathy Burke made the props.

The costumes, which are of a medieval style, were ordered from the Brooks Van Horn Costume Company of Philadelphia. The choir sold candy and calendars earlier in the year to pay for the rental of their costumes.

Faculty members assisting in the production are Miss Mary Anna Branson, Mr. Fred Cooksey, Mr. Earl Greathouse, Miss Carolyn Martin, Mr. Ward McCain, Mr. James McDaniel, and Mrs. Theta Safford.

Cadets to Vie Against Team From 4 States

Sunset's R.O.T.C. Rifle Team and Jody Drill Team will leave for Houston March 7 for the seventh annual Gulf Coast competition.

Approximately 110 schools will be competing from Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico, and Oklahoma. They will compete Friday and Saturday at the University of Houston and Rice. Trophies will be awarded to the first, second, and third place teams.

The ten R.O.T.C. Sweethearts will accompany them and will return March 8.

Sunset's corps had an inspection of the select companies Wednesday, February 19, administered by Senior Army Instructor Colonel Chester R. Young. Artillery, uniforms, and records located in the armory were included in the survey.

This inspection was a prelude to the annual Federal Inspection, March 6, which will select the best all-around corps in the city.

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Final Vote on Favorites To Be Held Next Week

Finalists for Sundial favorites were announced February 19, voting following the previous day in advisories.

Sophomores and juniors voted for Most Popular Boy and Girl in their classes and seniors voted for six categories.

Senior nominees are as follows: Most Popular Boy, Gary Youngkin and Ricky Duff; Most Popular Girl, Lynda Anderson and Livvy Villareal; Most Handsome, Kandy Smith and Paul Keen; Most Beautiful, Alice Zaccarelli and Vicki Marrs; Best All-Around Boy, James Hinton

and Barry McConnell; Best All-Around Girl, Melissa Bentley and Donna Morris; Friendliest Boy, Jeff Smith and Jack Long; Friendliest Girl, Sandra LeMay and Janie Curry; Wittiest Boy, Mike Perkins and Charles Donald; Wittiest Girl, Jackie Davis and Kathy Burke; Most Likely to Succeed, Bill Sebastian and Gary Stayer; and Most Likely to Succeed Girl, Charlotte Pearson and Tilden Sinclair.

Juniors nominated are Mark Roberts and Steve Jett, Most Popular Junior Boy; and Ruthann Singleton and Pam Aikens, Most Popular Junior Girl.

Sophomores nominated are Duncan Ramsey and Donovan McFadin, Most Popular Sophomore Boy; Pam McMillan and Missy Echart, Most Popular Sophomore Girl.

Final voting will be held the first week in March.

PTA Hears Student Panel

Four Sunset students, juniors Glenda McDonald and Dorothy Alvis, sophomore Bill Rogers, and senior Jack McClure, acted as a group discussion panel for the Steven's Park Elementary Parent-Teacher Association February 18.

The topic the four discussed was "Changing World Values." Jack acted as moderator for the panel and questions from the audience were answered.

The area which seemed to dominate the hour-long discussion was the "generation gap" and the lack of communication between parents and teenager.

All four participants of the panel are members of the speech and debate teams.

He Just Likes Helping Students

Everyone knows the way the teachers at Sunset help the school; but what about the husbands and wives of these teachers. For instance, Mrs. Oma Ford's Mr. Ford.

Mr. Olie Ford does things for Sunset and the students of Sunset that no one ever knows about. And the funny thing is, he does not want anyone to know.

He helps with all of Mrs. Ford's interests. When the G. R. A.'s have their annual cookout, Mr. Ford acts as the cook. He

helps the Tumblettes when they perform at various places by bringing their mats. When the Bisonettes give the Christmas dance each year, Mr. Ford is the first to come to help decorate the gym and the last to leave.

The husband helps his wife with her driver's education classes by teaching them the function under the hood of the car.

He is just one of those people who enjoys doing things for other people, and is interested in students and education.

Sixty Pounds Of Lard Given To Lucky Pair

A pig on the dance floor?

Well, not exactly, but the Sadie Hawkins dance did give a PIG away as a door prize. The lucky (?) couple was Betty McHam and Steve Chapman. It seems that Principal Harold Filgo purchased the pig, which was three months old and weighed about 60 pounds, from his cousin.

However, this kindhearted and grateful couple decided to give their "prize pig" up for a sum total of \$5, cash.

And just what happened to our live 60-pound door prize? Did the Student Council donate him to the school as a memento (?) from the dance? Did he become the first "Pig" in the Bison Herd? Did our little piggie just go to market?

Nope. One may find him back on the ole' farm, where once again, he finds true happiness... wallowing away in HIS pen, of course!

Stayer, Sebastian, Lee Rank in Top 1 Per Cent

Sunset's three National Merit Semi-Finalists have advanced to finalist category by scoring acceptably on the Scholastic aptitude Test and by gaining the school's recommendation.

Gary Stayer, Bill Sebastian, and Mike Lee, three of the 625 semi-finalists in Texas have received certificates of Merit and

are now eligible for Merit Scholarships. More than 97 per cent of the semi-finalists, who compose less than 1 per cent of all graduating seniors in the United States, qualified for finalists this year.

Winners, chosen from the finalists by the National Merit Scholarship Selection Committee, receive \$1,000 scholarships.

Eighty-two juniors took the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test February 15.

To be eligible for Merit Scholarship consideration, a student must meet the following requirements:

Be a United States citizen or in the process of obtaining citizenship.

Plan to attend a regionally accredited United States college.

Leave high school and enter college the same calendar year.

Be a junior and in the top 25 per cent of his class.

Results of the tests will be announced next fall.

Hammers Ring, Paint Brushes Fly to Finish 'Mattress' Set

Guided by Sugar Bear Inman's superior knowledge of the engineering and technological theory of castle construction, Mr. Ward McCain and his wood shop classes have completed construction of the stage props for "Once Upon A Mattress."

More than \$500 worth of building materials were entrusted to Bill Roady, Richard Tucker, Terry Waldrum, Melissa Bentley, and others in the wood shop classes.

The set, designed by Cliff McCarter, consists of two staircases and a balcony. The shop classes worked on it six periods a day and after school for nearly two weeks. After-school art classes finished the job by painting on the "masonry" of the

castle walls.

Work was delayed only by such major "catastrophes" as repairing Tony Glover's damaged finger when she missed the nail, or trying to find out how Bill Jacoby's notebook got nailed to the stairs.

Work was completely stopped only one day when Mr. McCain's fifth period class helpfully offered to donate their services to one man, the piano tuner—by being silent, of course.

SUNSET TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE FOR 'SCHOOLS' WEEK

To make people more aware of what the schools are doing, March 3-7 has been designated as Texas Public School Week. Sunset will hold open house to enable visitors to see what is taking place in the classroom.

Open house will also be held the evening of March 10 when the PTA meets at 7:30. The names of teachers will be placed above their doors to help parents locate their children's teacher. The science and math fair will be held that night and the band will perform for the parents.

Seniors to Order Caps and Gowns

Seniors will place their orders for caps and gowns March 3 at 7:30 a.m. The cost will be \$4.50, checks to be made out to the Balfour Company. Measurements will be taken that morning.

Those who still haven't placed their orders for announcements are urged to see Mrs. Lela Childers, sponsor, as soon as possible.

They Achieve in Spite of Us

We may not like to admit it, but Sunsetters do not support spring sports.

Golf and tennis—sports in which Sunset has won more than twenty city championships—receive little or no support. The swimming team has been a consistent winner in its few years of competition. Sunset had one All-American swimmer. But it is seldom that anyone attends their meets.

Even America's favorite sport, baseball, seems to be shunned aside for personal activities. Sunset has had many top teams; yet only in the city finals do students even think of showing up to attend a game.

Track, a sport in which Sunset has won a state title and a barn full of trophies and has produced state and national record-breaking performances, rarely has more than a handful of supporters, except perhaps at the city track meet.

Each of these teams rank high. But they need the student body behind them to give them the drive to win.

Besides, these sports are fun to watch. Why not try it some time?

Takes Two to Teach and Learn

If a student fails to complete his assigned homework, what is the usual punishment? Likely a deduction on the grade. Fair enough. But then in return for the student's laxity, he may be shut out of discussions, avoided in questionings, and generally blocked from the learning process.

In many of these cases, the student may be habitually negligent of his work. Sometimes, however, he is a good student and this failure to do the assigned work is a rare occurrence.

As students, we have one job: to learn. We must accept this job, and the work it entails, in order to succeed. We cannot expect our teachers to do our learning for us. A teacher's job is to instruct. By blocking a student out of the learning process, the instructor accomplishes nothing but creates animosity. A student needs to be drawn deeply into classroom discussions in order to maintain a high level of interest.

We all need, as individuals, to take account of our responsibilities to ourselves and to those around us. Do you measure up?

DUST FROM THE HERD

Car Theft on Valentine Day!... Why Not 9-Year Theme?... With Mustard Too?

Miss Spencer's advisory was confronted with the problem of choosing just one more person as a nominee for Most Beautiful Senior Girl. The class, after much debate, came to a final agreement. Their choice—Paul Stone.

Valentine's Day brought cards, flowers, candy, a Sadie Hawkins dance, and a basketball game. Patay Crannell and Kay Kuchenbacker, seniors, went to the game and afterwards decided to get a pizza.

Whether they were so involved with the holiday, the ball game, or the pizza we'll never know.

But one thing we do know: When these young ladies started to leave, they were detained by a small problem—they tried to leave in the wrong car.

Sandra LeMay just can't understand why Mrs. Pickett won't let her spend extra time on her senior theme. While the class was studying Gray's "Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard," Mrs. Pickett explained that Thomas Gray spent nine years writing the famous poem.

Sandra, innocently as always, asked, "Then why are English students expected to do so much in such a short time?"

BISONALITIES

She Enjoys Writing Letters; He Admires His Coach

"As a child I recall always wanting to be a singer" stated an enthusiastic, petite senior, Anita Turk.

Her wishes seemed to be coming true when she was elected secretary of seventh grade choir at R. L. Thornton Elementary School. Her dream was dissolved when it was discovered she is tone deaf! That did end her musical career, but she is still a member of the Good Scholarship Club, a reporter for the Stampede, the Bisonette treasurer, on the Sundial Staff, and a member of F.B.L.A.

After graduation, Anita plans to attend El Centro part time

and work. In five years she would like to be a married English teacher.

"Writing letters to John in Tyler" is her favorite pastime and stems from an early beginning.

Letter writing was the incentive for a most embarrassing moment when as a junior Anita secretly put 'admiring letters' in a boy's locker. When he discovered who was writing the letters he replied "keep those cards and letters coming!"

Being serious (which is hard for Anita) she commented, "I can't wait till the 1969 Sundial comes out, but I hate to leave Sunset."

"I think the greatest honor ever bestowed upon me here at Sunset was being elected captain of the football team," says Gary Youngkin, modestly. Besides being grid captain, Gary is on the Good Scholarship Club, and was elected runner-up for most popular junior and sophomore boy. He was also junior and sophomore class president.

Gary's favorite tradition is the speaking of the Bison at the Adamson Assembly, because it displays the true Bison spirit and gives the entire student body a chance to really feel close.

"I admire Coach Floyd Mechler more than any other person because of his expert guidance and leadership," said Gary.

Gary enjoys being with happy people more than anything else. His greatest dislike of everything in the whole world is vegetables.

Gary wishes most of all to graduate. And in the future he hopes to attend Texas A&M.

eries of "We want meat, we want meat."

Danny Eversole came up with a very good solution to the situation, however. After thinking a moment, he quipped, "Let's throw them our hot dogs!"

On Tuesday afternoon, February 19, a large group of Sunset girls assembled in the auditorium to fill out applications for Bisonettes.

Upon arrival at school the following day, Connie Gostas was surprised to learn that she would not be allowed to try out.

There were two good reasons for the refusal. One, she is a senior, and will hopefully not be here to take part in drill team next year. The second reason? She has been a Bisonette for two years.



Looks like Anita has Gary in the barrel, not over it!

Mrs. Pickett, sinisterly as always, ignored the question.

Almost everyone in school anticipates interesting and exciting fifth period announcements. But no one, it seems, was quite prepared for the climax, reached when Andy Essary declared over the loud speaker, "Mrs. Pickett's fifth period English class will not need to bring their books to class!"

All Bisons are friendly, of course. Well, nearly always.

Two seniors, Bill Wilson and Dennis Miller, have been complaining for years at how unfriendly some of the customers at their local grocery can be. Finally, they created a devious way to get revenge on the greedy and impolite buyers. They took small amounts of trading stamps and pasted them to the counter.

They admit it was pretty mean, but "it sure makes you feel better, seeing the crabs trying so hard to pick up those stamps."

At a recent basketball game, many Sunset students were aggravated by a sign on the other side of the stadium which read, "SLAUGHTER THE BISONS, WE WANT MEAT!" Also annoying to many Bisons were the

ROUNDUP

By PATTI RAGLE

Being sick is never fun, but it certainly can be an experience. I have been conducting a two-week study of this subject while recovering from mononucleosis (quit sneezing) and I've decided it's a drag.

There's nothing to do! First, I tried reading, but after the first twelve books my eyes started crossing. (Besides, Mickey Mouse is a little deep when you're sick.) Next I resorted to finger paint and paper dolls, but that was too messy. Before I knew it, I was under the spell of that ridiculous cure-all—television!

Daytime television is the biggest farce in history of medicine. Nothing can make a person sicker than a day of corny announcers who introduce very, very old movies. (Once I spent 30 minutes adjusting my volume dial before I found out I was watching a silent film.)

But if you don't like to be bored with old movies, you can always be bored with quiz shows. The classic show of all is the one where the newlywed couples tell all the secrets about each other that have always been hidden from the neighbors. The nice thing about this show is that if you really like the couple, you can see them the next day on the same channel in "Divorce Court."

No matter what you watch, it seems you always have the same announcers. It's as if they have a machine in California that molds them. They're always tall, dark but not quite handsome as they think they are. They have gobs of 40 per cent dyed hair (to cover the bald spots) and have loads of bouncing charm. Most disarming of all are their brilliant smiles. Of course, the brilliant smiles mean they have to talk through their teeth so that the \$1,000 dentistry job can be seen.

There is only one escape from these announcers. You can watch the soap operas. Oh, how sad and touching and real they all seem! I mean, haven't you known people who have reappeared after a 30-year disappearance? It happens every day. At least, it does in the soap operas. And don't you know a lot of vampires and werewolves? These are commonplace in one show.

I'll soon be back to the exciting halls of Sunset and I'll finally be released from these ridiculous melodramas. But what will become of the characters? Will Amy and David be released? Will Sabrina ever recover?

Maybe I could have a relapse.

Best Dressed List Includes Brzozowski, Graff, Dillon

In the midst of nominations and elections for senior favorites, our very "alert" staff noticed the absence of one very important category—best dressed.

To appease this slight we have sponsored a poll to determine who, in each classification, is considered by his classmates to be the best dressed.

Leading the race in the senior class are Suzanne Graff and Frank Brzozowski. Runners up,

respectively, are Jo Gayle Dillon, Melissa Bentley, Jarrell Carter, and Randy Smith.

Best dressed juniors are Cindy Henderson and Ricky Jett. Second place goes to Caroline Cobb and Mark Roberts; third, to Steve Jett and Shelley Hall.

Sophomores chosen are Missy Echart and John Donald. Others best dressed are Duncan Ramsey, Bradley Hall, Janice Parker, and Libby Calote.

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Committee to Vote On 'Bison of Year'

Seniors Tuesday nominated a slate of candidates for Bison of the Year.

The award is given annually by the Stampede to a senior, who through qualities of leadership, loyalty, responsibility, and dedication to the ideas of the Bison tradition, has won the respect and confidence of those with whom he has been associated in his three years at Sunset.

The editor of the Stampede is not eligible.

The winner will receive a trophy. A plaque with the recipient's names engraved each year is placed in the trophy case.

The Executive Council, under the Stampede sponsor, counts the ballots, discounting those with "no reason given" for the nominee and lists alphabetically the top nominees (not more than 50) and submits the list without designation of the number of votes to the screening committee.

The screening committee consists of these students: president of the Senior Class, president of the National Honor Society, R.O.T.C. Battle Group Commander, Bionette drill captain, head cheerleader, editor of the Sundial, and editor of the Stampede.

Teachers on the committee are the sponsor of the Senior Class, sponsor of the Student Council, sponsor of the Stampede, and five other members of the faculty appointed annually by the principal.

elpl participate in the selection. The chairman of the committee is the principal and the editor of the Stampede is the assistant chairman.

The first meeting of the screening committee is scheduled for February 27, in room 205. The committee will choose 12 of the nominees as semi-finalists. They may openly discuss the qualities of each nominee before choosing the twelve.

Second and final meeting of the committee will be held tomorrow. By a plurality vote they will choose three candidates from the twelve as finalists. From these three the Bison of the Year will be chosen. All voting is done by secret ballot. Results of the committee's final choice will be published in the next issue of the Stampede.

KLUB KAPERS

GRA's Elect New Officers

The Art Service organization left its schedule of painting the sets for "Once Upon A Mattress" to take a guided tour of Sanger-Harris' Display and Advertising Department last Thursday.

Sets for the one-act play will be the next project. A trip to the Dallas Theater Center is planned, to see how professionals make stage sets.

The Para-Medical Club will

Class Hears Experts Talk on Special Topics

Problems of Democracy classes have lately enjoyed hearing various guest speakers who are specialists in related fields the class is studying.

Mr. Bob Mahlstedt, who is in charge of the Oak Cliff office of Metropolitan Life Insurance, recently spoke before 50 students on the significance and meaning of life insurance.

Sunset and Texas University graduate Mr. David Stubblefield, an Internal Revenue Service agent, attempted to give several combined classes insight into the workings of the service and taxing process.

In the future, teachers hope to secure judges, faculty members, a narcotic bureau worker, and fire department, police, and water works officials who are authorities in their chosen area.

Students are invited to ask questions following the guest speaker's presentation.

Students Exhibit Work At Science Fair Mar. 10

Projects made by students in physical science, biology, and mathematics will be exhibited in Sunset's annual Science Fair, to be held March 10 in the lunchroom.

The exhibits will be judged after school, and awards will be displayed following the PTA meeting that night.

Any student may enter the contest. Teachers will choose the best entries and the projects will be judged by the official Science Fair judges.

There will be a separate boys and girls divisions. The projects will be judged on a point system.

Students to Choose Sweetheart Today

A Sweetheart and two underclass Princesses will be elected in home rooms today.

The three girls from each class, nominated last Tuesday, will be presented in formals to the student body in an assembly today. Students will then return to home rooms and vote.

The winners will be revealed at the annual Sweetheart Dance March 14. The dance will be sponsored by the Key Club.

tem. Both creative ability and scientific thought will count 30 points, while 10 points each will be given to clarity, skill, thoroughness, and dramatic value.

First, second, third, and fourth place ribbons will be awarded in each main category. Winners in the Science Fair will be eligible to enter their exhibits in the Dallas Regional Science Fair, scheduled March 27-30.

Red Cross Needs More Items for Aid to Viet Nam

The Viet Nam School Chest will be on display soon, the exact date to be announced later. Lists of items needed will also be displayed.

Items desperately needed, according to Mrs. Iris Farmer, sponsor, include rulers, compasses, chalk, blackboard erasers, ink erasers, protractors, wash cloths and hand towels, cakes of soap, combs, toothbrushes, tubes of toothpaste, jump ropes, sets of jacks, and harmonicas.

Major clubs are being asked to donate recreational equipment.

Should Practice Brotherhood Every Day, Says Local Pastor

"Who is your neighbor?" was a question posed by Rev. Lou Snyder of the Northwest Presbyterian Church, who spoke at the annual Brotherhood Assembly, February 21.

"The person sitting next to you," was Rev. Snyder's answer. Brotherhood is possible in our daily lives, the speaker declared. He added that the world would be a better place if Brotherhood were practiced every day.

Rev. Snyder was an All-American in baseball at Penn State.

The assembly is sponsored by the Morning Meditations Committee. Mike Clayton, chairman of Morning Meditations, introduced Rachel Roosa and she told about the history of Brotherhood Week.

A folk group of Debbie Philen, Charlene Aikens, and Debbie Abernathy, sang "Reality," which was written by Charlene Aikens, and "How Great Thou Art."

Karl Kuchenbacker gave the closing prayer.

Choir Captures Top Ranking In Dallas Schools Festival

Sunset's Concert Choir received the Number One rating at the annual choir festival, sponsored by the Dallas Independent School District, held at David W. Carter High School.

Sunset was one of twenty-one choirs from nineteen Dallas area high schools which were critically judged by three critics.

Each school received two written critics from two separate judges and one oral critic immediately following the completion of their singing. The criticisms were based on the choir's good points or points which they needed to emphasize.

The festival, which was open

to the public from 5:30 p.m. each day, was held at the Dallas Independent School District physical education teachers.

After demonstrating warm-up exercises, they divided the program into three demonstrations: tumbling, stunts, and the building of pyramids.

Sunset sang the "Benedictus," arranged by Robert Shaw and Alice Parker, "Cloud Capped Towers" from Act IV, scene I of William Shakespeare's "The Tempest," by Giovanni Gabrielle and arranged by Frank Damrosch, and "De Camptown Races," by Stephen Foster.

Legislator, Former Bison, Sends 'Best of Luck' to Speech Students

By JACK MCCLURE

It was at a recent Rotary Club Luncheon in the Crystal Ballroom of the Baker Hotel that your reporter fully realized the meaning of the old cliché "It's a small world."

Trying not to look too nervous or conspicuous at the distinguished-looking affair, I was suddenly shaken by the man sitting next to me who very cautiously asked, "Do you attend Sunset High School?"

When I admitted that I did, he began to tell me that he had attended Sunset also. It was then that I noticed the metal button which said in bold black letters, "Joe Ratcliff, State Representative."

Dropping my fork and jaw simultaneously, I shook hands with him and began a most encouraging conversation.

Mr. Ratcliff, while at Sunset, was editor of the Stampede,

president of the National Thesisians, and president of the Sunset chapter of the National Forensic League.

In the year Mr. Ratcliff graduated, 1960, he won the state championship in extemporaneous speaking and attended the national tournament in Wisconsin with former Adamsonite and national debate champion Mr. Lester Robbins, now a history teacher at Sunset.

"The experience I gained through journalism and speech has been most helpful in public life," said Mr. Ratcliff. "Being a state representative requires much speaking and exactness when writing; especially when preparing a bill."

Regretting the end of the luncheon, we shook hands as Mr. Ratcliff concluded, "Give everyone at Sunset my best and tell the speech students 'Good Luck' at the National Forensic League District Tournament."

Morning Med, Begun 16 Years Ago, Brought Letters from all over Nation

By DANNY HALL

The only "club" at Sunset to receive national recognition the second year of its existence is Morning Meditations, Sunset's early morning inspirational organization.

When Mr. C. C. Miller, principal at that time, went to the national principal's convention in Atlantic City in 1954, he gave a speech to the convention on Sunset's Morning Meditations.

Soon, the group was flooded with letters from schools asking for help in organizing such a thing in their own schools. The group helped form similar organizations in interested schools in the immediate area, including Greiner, Stockard, Hockaday, North Dallas, and Hillcrest.

Clairee Booher received the inspiration for an interdenominational group from attending a similar meeting at Beaumont High School.

Students Originate Idea Jimmy Palmer presented this idea to Mrs. Kathleen Hood and asked her what she thought of having such an organization at Sunset. Mr. Miller said to go ahead and organize the group and write a constitution and by-laws.

A governing body for the

group was chosen, with two members from each of the 12 religions represented in the school, along with Mrs. Hood.

"This was a perfectly delightful group of people," commented Mrs. Hood. "Each member had to be in good standing in the school and have a C average or better."

Had to Use Auditorium

The tradition of calling out "Morning Med" in the auditorium and on the front steps was started and people came "in droves," recounted Mrs. Hood. "The study hall became too crowded so the group moved into the auditorium. The whole auditorium would be full and so quiet that you could hear a pin drop. Mr. Miller would often become so interested he would go up on stage and lead the group himself."

The group had an old piano in the study hall and held a good song service every morning. They decided that they needed their own book of songs and wrote their first song book. Each denomination contributed two songs. Since then the book has been rewritten three or four times, new songs being added each time.

The organization began receiving invitations to put on

programs at various places, including the Masonic Lodge, a Kiwanis Club luncheon and churches.

Ann Hodges, who later became an international debater at NTSU, and Jimmy Palmer organized the members into groups of three able to present a program of their own. It was at this time that the organization began to attract attention locally and then nationally when Mr. Miller went to the convention.

Annual Picnic Held

"One of the highlights of the year," explained Mrs. Hood, sponsor for the first eight years of the organization's existence, "was our annual closing picnic. We had it at the end of each year to review our accomplishments and failures. We would sing on my patio and the whole neighborhood would come out on their front porches to listen."

The tradition of decorating the Christmas tree for the front hall was begun in 1960.

Mrs. Virginia Riddle and Mrs. Mary Aubrey became co-sponsors of the organization in 1961. They served together until Mrs. Aubrey was killed in an automobile accident.

Mrs. Riddle then became sponsor by herself, as she is at the present time.

Swimmers to Enter City Meet March 7

In spite of the current epidemic of flu, Sunset's swim team won first places in six of nine individual events in the dual meet with Jesuit High School, February 22.

Individual double winners were John Arnett, 200-yard individual medley and 400-yard freestyle, and Robert Kelsco, 200-yard freestyle and 200-yard butterfly.

Other winners were Bill Eubanks, 200-yard breaststroke and Steve Snyder, 50-yard freestyle. Sunset lost the meet 51-30.

With the city meet one week away on March 7 and 8, the swimmers face an uphill battle against illness. As of Monday, February 24, seven of fourteen swimmers were out of action be-

cause of illness.

The city championships which will end the season for all but those swimmers who have qualified for the state championships, will be held on two consecutive weekends at the SMU pool. March 7 and 8, the top 24 swimmers in each event will compete to decide the team championship.

On the following weekend those not qualifying for the championship meet will begin at 6 p.m. on Friday and the finals Saturday at 2:30 p.m. Admission for all sessions will be 50 cents.

Bison Nine Meet Eagles Mar. 7 and 8

The Bison Baseball Team will travel to Abilene for a three game series with Abilene High on March 7 and 8.

The team will leave for Abilene early Friday morning and play the Eagles a single game that afternoon. Saturday the two teams will clash in a double-header.

Rain has played havoc with many of the team's practices, and early practice games.

The Bisons drew a tie in their first practice game with W. T. White. The game was tied 5-5 at the end of six innings, which is all the teams are allowed to play till March 1.

Pitching for the Bisons were David Johnson and Rudy Jaramillo. Randy Smith was Sunset's leading hitter with two hits.

25 Join Staff; Nine Promoted

Twenty-five staff members and changes and promotions in nine positions have become effective for the Stampede with the beginning of the spring semester.

Because of a heavy load of activities and crowded schedule, Jack McClure, fall term editor, is now serving as managing editor, and the fall term managing editor, Bill Phipps, has taken over as editor. Melissa Bentley, fall term news editor, is now associate editor.

Other top positions, which include seven promotions, are as follows:

Shirley Martin, news editor; Julie West, feature editor; Marladene Arnett, exchange editor; Beverly Garrett, Betty Kuchenbaker, and Patti Ragle, assistant editors; Mike Clayton, sports editor; Suzie Kimmel, Linda Puckett, Nancy Spyker, and Nancy Painter, copy editors; Jay Rury, photographer and copy editor.

Staff assistants and reporters are Brenda Gardner, Danny Hall, Dennis Miller, Karen O'Grady, Diane Palmer, Stanley Sent, Jane Greer, Connie Hornsby, Ann Macias, Susan Mark, Martha Palmino, Doris Parker, Eileen Simmons, Anita Turk, Alice Walden, Karen Winn, Alice Zaccarelli, Terry Johnson, Michael Kap, Rudy Ray, Dennis Steger, and Rick Suarez.

All new staff members are from the present Journalism 2 class.

Track Team To Enter Meet At Carrollton

Sunset's track team, rained out of the February 22 R. L. Turner Meet at Carrollton, will compete in the rescheduled meet Saturday.

Sunset finished fifth in the Turner meet last year. The outlook is not good because of injuries to Wendell Combest, dash man, mile relay runner, and broad jumper, and Don Randell, weight man. Also others are down with illness.

The Arlington Chamber of Commerce Meet, to be held March 7-8, will be entered by Sunset for the first time this year.

The next match will be the Kimball Relays on March 15.



Photo by Jay Rury

RETURNING TRACK LETTERMEN, who give Sunset hopes for a good season, shown, left to right, are Don Randell, Ron Haskins, Gary Youngkin, Billy Patin, James Hinton, Wendell Combest, and Dennis Steger.

Golfers to Vie At Fort Worth

Halted by rains the past week end, the Sunset golf team will return to action when they enter the Southwest Recreation golf meet at Fort Worth tomorrow and Saturday.

Golfers scheduled to represent Sunset are John Folwell, David Boatwright, Mike Carmichael, John McWhorter, and Ed Yowell.

The Bisons will resume district play at Stevens course next Tuesday and Wednesday in a match against Adamson.

The linksmen lost to Kimball February 4, 5-1. The four players for Sunset were Folwell, Yowell, Boatwright, and Ronnie Ross.

January, Pro Golfer, Helped Sunset Win Championships

Famous "forefather" of Sunset's linksmen Don January totaled almost \$62,000 on the pro tour in 1968 as the twenty-fifth money winner. His largest prize of the year was \$30,000, bagged with a victory at the Tournament of Champions in April.

To enter this tournament, a player must have won one of pro golf's four major tournaments that year.

Amid tough competition (since each player is a past time winner), January carded on eight under par 276, despite a stomach disorder, on a course which places a high premium on accuracy. Recovering his driving game from a slight setback at the Masters, he brought his season total for off-green pitch-ins to an amazing 11.

On the last round of the \$150,000 purse contest, January trailed Bob Goalby, Masters' champion, by one stroke. Two birdies on the front nine clinched a win for January, although Julius Boros rallied to a near tie on the 18th, hanging a stubborn attempt for an eagle on the rim of the cup.

After winning the Las Vegas match, which pays the participating select group \$2,000 just to stay alive four days, January joins the circuit for a hopefully successful '69 season.

While at Sunset, January served as co-captain on a team that captured the state cham-

Scholastic Aptitude Test and Achievement Tests will be given Saturday beginning at 8:30 in the lunchroom.

The SAT is a three-hour objective test, designed to test how well one has developed verbal and mathematical skills.

Cagers Finish District In Tie for Third Place

The Sunset Cagers closed district play February 18 in a tie for third place, after a loss to Adamson 60-48.

The Bisons had a rough time in the first half against the Leopards by scoring only 16 points, 9 in the first period and 7 in the second while Adamson was racking up 29.

The Bisons came to life in the third period, scoring 20 to the

Cats 15. The purple cagers couldn't keep firing as they were outscored in the fourth 16-12. A big part of the Adamson tally was added by Julius Howard with 31 points. Sophomore Donovan McFadin dropped in 14 for Sunset.

The Bisons had their winning ways on Valentines Day by shutting out the Cowboys of Carter High 53-42.

Throughout the first period the Sunset cagers controlled the ball, scoring 12 points to Carter's 3. In the second period comeback the Cowboys made 17 to the Cagers 14 in an attempt to close the gap in the 26-20 half time score.

The Bisons dropped in 17 points to the Cowboys 7 in the third period to take a 16-point lead. Ken Thornton was high scorer for Sunset with 15. Starters Hinton, Wall, Kavanaugh, and McFadin each scored 11.

In a game filled with personal fouls on both teams the Bisons came out on top against Kimball, 76-74, February 11.

The first period was a close 15-14, but in the second period the Sunset team kept the ball most of the time and scored 21 points to the Knights 9, taking a 36-23 lead at the half.

The Knights came back in the second half outscoring Sunset 31-21, but the Bison lead held up for a 2-point victory. Thornton tipped in 24 points to lead the Bisons.

Renner Takes Second at DBC; Debaters Score on West Coast

Annette Renner finished second in girls prose and Glenda McDonald fourth in girls extemporaneous speaking at the Second Annual Dallas Baptist College Forensic Festival Friday and Saturday.

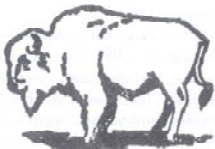
The debate team of Penny Paec and Mary Jane Storey receive fifth in girls debate and several contestants reached the semi-finals in individual events, including Tom Lemarr and Annette Renner in prose, Jack McClure, Jean Owens, and Donna Byur in original oratory, and David Russell in boy's extempo-

aneous speaking.

Two other teams enjoyed a plane trip to San Francisco to attend the Stanford University Speech Tournament in Palo Alto.

The teams, Ron DeFate and Tim Herron, and Dennis Miller and Mark Stewart, participated against contestants from ten other states including Oregon, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Washington, Idaho, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, and Nevada.

Ron and Tim posted four wins against two losses and barely missed reaching the octo-final record. Bryan Adams was the only other Texas school attending the tournament.



BISON TRACKS

By MIKE CLAYTON

Finishing in a third place tie with Roosevelt, the basketball team had an overall successful season. Despite several losses by close scores, the Bisons and Coach Joe Huey did a remarkable job when you consider that Coach Huey had to step in right in the middle of the season, to take the place of Coach Rufus Moore, who became ill December 21.

A review of statistics reveals some interesting facts. The team scored a total of 923 points, nearly 58 points a game. Top individual scorer was James Hinton, who dropped in 276 points, 17.4 a game. Ken Thornton, who was given a position on the Dallas News all-12AAAA team, sank 228 points, averaging 14.3. Donovan McFadin, Dan Wall, and Bubba Kavanaugh totaled 152, 151, and 130, respectively.

The Bison roundballers took 362 rebounds from the backboard, made 363 field goals out of 813 attempts and 257 free throws in 400 attempts.

Coach Moore and Huey announced lettermen Monday. Hinton, Thornton, Kavanaugh, Ricky Jett, and Mike Kenny are two-year letter winners. Others earning the "D" are McFadin, Wall, Stuart Gathings, Alan Sowards, David Thompson, Harold Van Hazel, and Lynn Crissy, manager.

Sunset had a good representation in the Thirty-Third Regional Golden Gloves Championships last week. Featherweight Troy Johnson and beginner middleweight Dennis Steger lost their bouts by decisions. Light welterweight James Fain and welterweights James Hill, Tommy Holloway, Lee Williamson, and middleweight Ronnie Tucker scored victories in the first round. Williamson scored a knockout in 23 seconds of the first round, then went on to win a decision in the second round.

On Friday night Fain and Williamson lost by decisions, but in an exciting match Bisons Terry Waldrum and Ronnie Tucker squared off, Terry winning by a decision. On the Saturday card, only Terry and Tommy Holloway were left, and both lost by decisions.