

The Shield

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Cheerleading Practice Attracts 22 Candidates For Committee, Tryouts, Elections This Month

Twenty-two students have applied for the positions of 1960-61 Cheerleaders.

The applicants for cheerleader are Brenda Bogan, Martie Cope, Charlyne Cooper, Judy Ellis, Margot Hirsch, Karon Kiger, Tommye McGinnis, Tommy Manford, Marilyn Mansfield, Marilyn Mays, Wanda Munson, Kasey Oatman, Suzanne Olson, Wanda Purcell, Carol Rabun, Dennis Reaves, Mary Beth Schumacher, Bob Smith, Veneta Turner, Mike Waugh, Sue Warren, Bob West.

Prospective cheerleaders attended cheerleader school February 29-March 4. This school was conducted by the present cheerleaders. Several standard yells were taught.

To become a cheerleader, the applicants must first have an 80 average with no semester F's. Their parents must be behind them, as the uniform is paid for by the individual cheerleader and cheer-

leading duties also take time away from studies.

According to the rules concerning tryouts adopted May 19, 1959, if there are 21, or any number over 21, candidates trying out, a screening committee will select twice the number of cheerleaders to be elected to try out in front of the student body. Should enough candidates withdraw to leave 20 or under, or should 20 or fewer candidates try out, the committee screening will be eliminated.

The committee consists of three Student Council members, one band member, one Blue Brigade member, two representatives from the athletic department selected

by the coaches, and two faculty members selected by the principal. The committee screens the candidates on the basis of such things as sincerity of purpose, enthusiasm, general appearance, poise and personality, timing, and execution of yell. In case there is a tie, all those who have tried for the top 14 positions will be passed by the committee.

On March 24, candidates will try out in front of the student body at Veterans Field. Each will lead one yell alone, and then the entire group will close the assembly with one group yell. March 25 the entire student body will vote for seven cheerleaders. The top seven candidates as shown by the election will be declared winners. In case of a tie, a run-off will be held March 28 between the candidates tying for seventh position. The eighth and ninth persons in the voting will be declared first and second alternate, respectively.

Should any cheerleader be removed, the appropriate alternate will be designated to fill the vacant position. Should three or more cheerleaders be removed, the alternates will be designated cheerleaders, and an election will be held to fill the remaining position(s).

The head cheerleader is not automatically the one who received the highest number of votes in the election. The head cheerleader is chosen by the cheerleaders after their election on the basis of cooperation and friendliness with the cheerleaders he works with.

Solos, Ensembles Head Band Events

The two major spring activities of the Knight Band—the solo-ensemble contest and the concert contest—are drawing near. For the first time this year, the two events are to be held on different days.

Forty-three solos and 15 ensembles will be entered in the regional contest at San Marcos, March 19.

In the concert contest in Austin on April 2, the Knight Band will play *Prayer and Dream Overture* from Hansel and Gretel, *Barber of Seville* overture, and *Coat of Arms* march.

Gail Stockman and Leslie Sullivan will enter student directing at the Austin contest. The band will then compete in sight reading.

"I really like the schedule of the contests on different days. It's less tiring for the players," comments Dr. Frank Phillips, band director.

In other band activities, the seven senior band girls went to the Texas Woman's University Band Festival in Denton on March 3, 4, and 5. Girls attending this event were Benne Bentrup, Susie Coker, Lee Hardgrave, Becky Perry, Margaret Phillips, Michelle Williams, and Ann Wyss.

Ten Semi-finalists Become Finalists On NMS Contests

Every one of the McCallumnites selected as semi-finalists last October, has now reached the position of finalist in the National Merit Scholarship competition. As finalists, these students are a part of the top .6 per cent of all the seniors in the United States.

Since .6 per cent of McCallum seniors is 2.1 students, McCallum has almost 5 times its quota of finalists.

The ten students honored were Noel Brinkley, Keith Drosche, Ann Dungan, John Kluth, Joe Magee, Carl Mantzel, Linda Milligan, David Murphy, David Perry, and Tony Pfannkuche.

Being a finalist is far more than just an honor, for as Mr. John McKenzie, senior counselor, said, "I believe that any one of these who will apply for a scholarship will be given one."

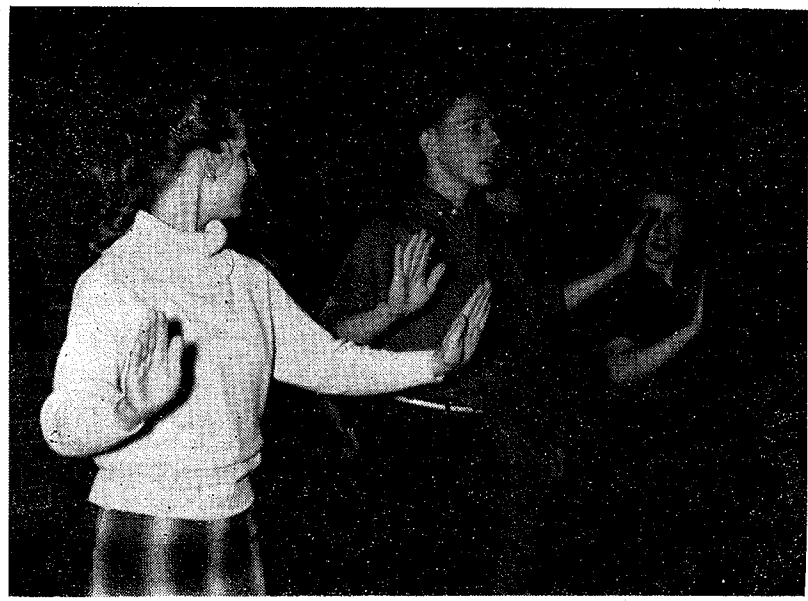
Juniors will take the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test on March 19 in the cafeteria from 9:30 to 12. The cost of this test is one dollar per student.

Scotch Snips

Chantons! The French class listened quietly as Monsieur Gurka, practice teacher, sang *La Vie en Rose*. After his rendition of the song, Charlotte Thompson commented, "My, he'd be nice to have around the house when the radio isn't working."

Cruelty Joke! On a Laredo news bulletin was heard this report: "McCallum of Austin will play Brackenridge of San Antonio tonight for the regional title."

Baylor! In signing choice slips, one student signing for plane geometry put Miss Rice, now Mrs. Sharif, as first choice, and SMU and TCU as second and third choices.



Dennis Reaves and Brenda Bogan, two of the cheerleader hopefuls, carefully watch Karen Sikes (left) as she demonstrates a yell at the Cheerleader School of Instruction held every afternoon last week.

Legg, Sikes to Reign March 17 As Latin Students Hold Banquet

Latin Week will be climaxed by a joint banquet between the Novi Romani, first year Latin students sponsored by Mrs. Vivian Zehrer, and the Latinatores, second year and advanced Latin students sponsored by Miss Bertha Casey.

Latin Week will be signified by posters and by visits by Latin students to the junior high schools concerning McCallum. Interest in Latin will be stressed in the junior highs and in McCallum.

The banquet will be held March 17 at the Gregg House. It will begin with the traditional procession led by Ceasar and Calpurnia behind a roasted pig. Caesar, Eddie Legg, and Capurnia, Karen Sikes, were chosen by the Latin clubs to reign over this banquet.

The menu is completely Roman, from the appetizer of eggs to the dessert of apples. After the meal Carolyn Carruth and Mary Landolt will play the flute and the harp, respectively. There will be a dance by a group of girls and then the third period Latin class will present a Roman play. Speeches on the advantages of taking Latin will then be presented by Susie Coker and Greg Wallace.

During this banquet the Novi Romani will be the slaves to the more advanced Latinatores. The Novi Romani must obey any wishes that the "nobles" order. Two Latin students from Baker and two from Lamar will be invited to attend the banquet as guests.

Speech Students Take Five Places At Trinity Contest

McCallumnites won five places at the Trinity University Speech Tournament on March 4 and 5, in which nearly 600 students participated. McCallum had seven finalists in eight different events of the meet.

David Perry won a first place scholarship in dramatic interpretation, and Vicky Witherspoon won a second place scholarship. Other places went to Linda Hoy, second in poetry interpretation; Margot McGann, third in after-dinner speaking; and Roy Morey, third in original oratory.

Students reaching the finals were Bettie Bright, after-dinner speaking, extemporaneous speaking, and lyric poetry; LaJean Chaffin, Bible reading; Roy Morey, after-dinner speaking, original oratory, and poetry interpretation; Bill Tramp, declamation; and Vicky Witherspoon, dramatic interpretation and poetry interpretation.

Cheerleaders Sell McCallum Decals

The Cheerleaders are again selling decals in the hall before school to raise money to send the cheerleaders to camp next summer.

The complete spell-out, "McCallum Knights" sells for 50 cents. Students can buy either a "Knight" or a "McCallum" sticker for only 25 cents.

FTA Plans to Visit Elementary Schools

Members of the Future Teachers will visit nine elementary schools on March 16 from 8:30 until noon. They will observe the physical arrangement of class rooms, the methods of training, and will assist in math and reading groups.

Students will visit the schools in groups of ten to a school. Approximately 90 students will be divided among Baker, Brentwood, Brown, Gullett, Highland Park, Reilly, Ridgetop, Rosedale, and Wooten Elementary Schools.

Future Nurses of Texas Holds Annual Convention, March 11-12

The Texas Association of Future Nurses will hold its sixth annual state convention in Austin, on March 11 and 12.

Headquarters for the convention will be on the Driskill Hotel Mezzanine, while the business of the

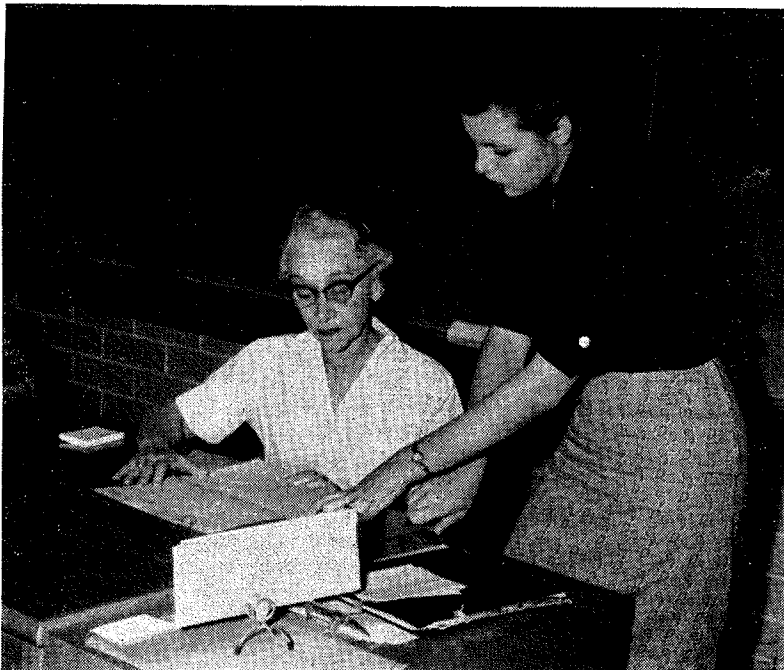
convention will be conducted in the new City Auditorium.

McCallum's Connie Jo Zeissel will preside over the business, since she was elected president for

Mr. Tom Miller, Mayor of Austin, will give a message of welcome to the convention at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 12. Dr. Robert F. Peck, associate professor of educational psychology at The University of Texas will be the principal speaker for the convention program.

Other high points of the convention include a buffet supper on Friday night at the Driskill Hotel, and a luncheon and style show on Saturday at the Auditorium. Your Future."

From the McCallum Future Nurses club, sponsored by Miss Sara Lee Hudson, Louise Gore, Frankie Kirkpatrick, and Lila Mullins will be delegates to the convention. Models for the style show are Edna Gervin, Marilyn Mansfield, and Pat Williams. Pages will be Crystal Basham, Sandra Cluck, Barbara Gebert, Lea Ann Kennard, Carolyn Kohn, and Jolene Nunnery. Hostesses will be Jeanette Brown, Elinor Cunningham, Doris Dildy, Barbara Kelsey, Ann Thiele, and Sandra Yohn. Lea Ann Kennard is in charge of the entertainment from McCallum.



Miss Sara Lee Hudson, sponsor of the McCallum chapter, and Connie Jo Zeissel, state president of Future Nurses, discuss plans for the Convention to be held on March 11-12.

Election Leery

During our latest election, it is estimated that little more than 50 per cent of the student body voted. A commonly accepted fact is that these non-voters are among the first to complain when and if the results are not what they expected.

Elections are not the only problem to which people refuse to devote any attention.

Existing in complacency, "letting George do it," smacks of inviting complications and disorganization, if not disaster. In today's world we are the most well-informed people provided we take the time to reason things out. As long as we are fully aware of present events and willing to accept our responsibilities our way of life will never be demolished.

Alvis Answers

Editor's Note: In the last issue of the Shield there appeared an editorial entitled "A Plan For Activities!" In this editorial the Shield advocated a point system for activities at McCallum. Printed below is a reply, written by Jim Alvis.

This system, by assigning points to positions of leadership, membership, and honors, penalizes capable leadership because of participation in other activities. Each student who holds a position, maintains membership in an organization, or receives an honor is given a certain allotment of points for the number and type of positions, membership, and honor held. When this allotment is filled, then that student is no longer able to hold any other position, join another organization, or accept another honor, despite the fact that he might be most capable, the most qualified, and the popular choice.

This means that McCallum might have to accept leadership that is second best—leaders that are, to quote the Shield, "almost as well qualified."

When advocating the general type of plan used by Austin High School, the Shield obviously neglected to mention the vast and complicated details of administering such a plan. Only one of these complicated details would be how to evaluate the relative rank of positions and organizations as to the number of points to be assigned each.

The Shield editorial also stated that an activity "that might give fewer points" would be membership in the band. This means that a student might be penalized when running for an office because he is taking a music course that carries the same "A" credit that a math course carries.

The leaders who have been elected by the majority of McCallum students for these seven years of our school's existence have been and are the finest. McCallum does not have to accept leaders that are "almost as well qualified"; and if the Shield policy favors the point system, as the unsigned editorial in the last issue indicates, the Shield policy is a poor one and should be reconsidered.

Note: It is the policy of the Shield, as well as most other papers, to run editorials that are written by staff members as the opinion of the Shield, and not to give them bylines.

A Feasible Activities 'Points' System

The Shield's stand on a point system for activities is essentially unchanged from that of last issue. In this editorial a clarification of the proposed plan is offered, and a tentative schedule of points for McCallum activities is given.

Whenever there is discussion of the point system, the opposition brings up these three major arguments:

1. The leaders elected under the point system would be "second best" and might discharge their duties poorly.
2. The arbitrary limitation of activities is undemocratic.
3. The system has too many "vast and complicated details."

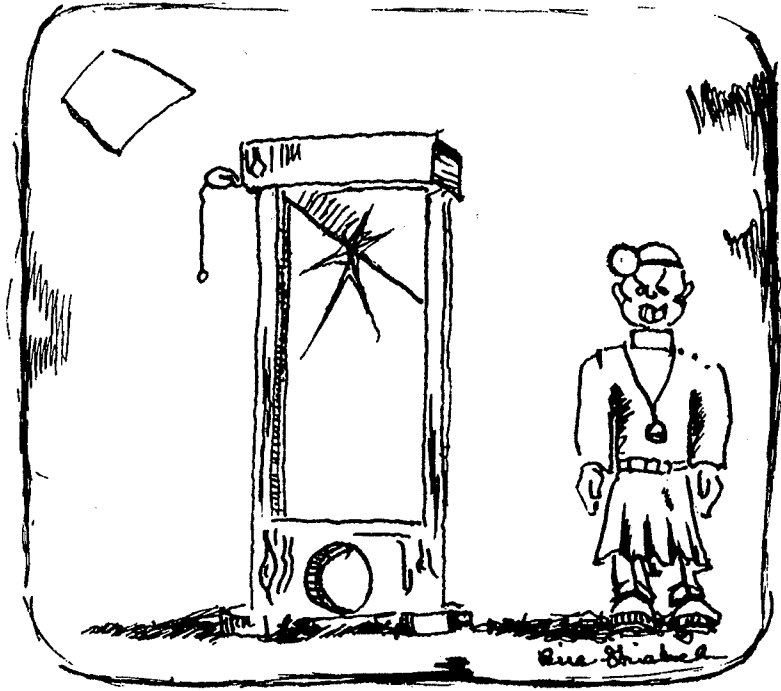
Would the leaders elected under a point system really be inferior? On the contrary, all indications are that the leaders would be better, because they would be putting all their time into the activities they are really interested in. There is plenty of leadership material in McCallum! Most teachers who are sponsors of extracurricular activities will agree that they prefer student leaders who have enough time to spend on the activity, rather than others who, though infinitely "qualified," can not make it to the meetings. Inferior leadership is not a problem in Brackenridge and Jefferson high schools of San Antonio, Jefferson of Dallas, Bellaire and Marion of Houston, Taylor High School, and other high schools throughout the country in which an activities point system is now in successful operation.

To the second opposing argument—"Arbitrary limitation of activities is undemocratic." There are many illustrations in the American governmental system of limitations being placed on people in one way or another. People are limited in accumulating money, for example—by the graduated income tax. They are limited in major government offices—a man cannot hold two at once. Even the number of deer one can shoot during hunting season has a limit! Would a few limits to school activities be so insidious?

The third point of argument—that of the plan's "vast and complicated details"—possibly stems from a sketchy knowledge of the proposed plan itself. Therefore, a possible point schedule is presented here in detail. This plan is only a suggestion, as a worthwhile plan can be provided only by a group of representatives from every organization that will be affected.

Under the proposed schedule, a student can accumulate 40 activity points in a semester. Activities are divided into Majors and Minors. Under no conditions can a student drop a Major activity to take on another Major activity, but he can drop any number of Minor ones to do this.

Twenty-five point offices are Student Council president, editors-



Nine of ten Ohio doctors agree that this will positively cure a headache.

From the Lowlands

Greyhound Growls, Slops Sows

According to the Greyhound Growls, one boy from San Benito High School has come up with the classic excuse for being late to school every morning. He walks into his first period class tardy each morning, and hands his teacher a note that reads, "I had to slop my sow."

The Compass from North Dallas High School reports that a library book that had been checked out for 20 years was found recently in an attic. The book was returned to the library and the school librarian figured the overdue fine to be a mere \$72.

Did You Know?

- This year has 366 days.
- If you sleep 8 hours a day it makes 123 days.
- This leaves 244 days.
- There are 52 Sundays, 52 days.
- There are also 52 Saturdays, 52 days.
- This leaves 140 days.
- If you take half an hour off for

lunch, 8 days.

This leaves 132 days.

Of course, three months vacation, 92 days.

This leaves 40 days.

Then Thanksgiving; 2 days.

This leaves 38 days.

And Christmas, 14 days.

This leaves 24 days.

Other holidays, 10 days.

This leaves 14 days.

Now that you realize that you only go to school two weeks out of the year, don't you feel happy again?

Jefferson Declaration

The Pony Express from Sweetwater reports that one of the Sweetwater High School cheerleaders forgot to wear his contact lenses to the swimming pool one day during the summer. He kept hearing screams in the dressing room and when he went outside to investigate he saw the sign inscribed on the door read, "Ladies."



by C. N. P.

Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah! The benches are going to stay. I got the word just a minute ago. It seems that the subversive movement to rid McCallum of its "unsightly" benches has been stamped out. All the boys can relax now, knowing that their reclining board has been spared.

I was told that the idea was nixed because of two reasons: the people would not quit gathering—they simply would sit in the flower boxes, and if the benches were replaced by a Knight, he might fall over and kill somebody. And that would be fatal.

Just think, if the benches were removed, there would not be anywhere to sit and leer at the girls, or to have fights; all the fun things would be stopped by the removal of the benches. And, girls, if the benches were removed, you wouldn't be whistled at every morning as you swing by the corner.

Well, anyway, the benches aren't going to be removed so we can all rest easy. I don't know what I would do if the benches were removed. Of course, I never get to sit on them anyway. I don't have a reservation. That might be why those people were opposed to the benches; somehow no one can seem to get a reservation. Maybe one inherits a place on the bench. Only those people who have rich uncles or friends on the bench have a chance to get a place. So, juniors and sophomores, find a friend on the bench if you want a place.

There must be other ways to get a seat, but as yet I haven't found them. I'm not even sure that you have time to get a reservation if you are a sophomore. After all, most of the people who are on the bench have been there for about three years, and it looks like they'll be there for the next three years.

Well, that's another Knight Life, and one more issue put to bed.

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Phil Betzold shows a giant mollusa, which he collected as a diver in the waters of the British West Indies, at the assembly held March 3.

Orphans Entertained by Students During JRC Weekend Program

"We grew quite attached to our visitor." This was the comment made by most of the McCallum students who entertained one or more of the visitors from the Round Rock Baptist Children's Home over the February 26-28 weekend.

The McCallum students applied several weeks in advance in order

to get one of the Round Rock students to stay with them over the week-end. There were more applications by McCallum students than there were children. The visitors ranged in age from nine to 19.

The McCallum chapter of the Junior Red Cross planned this visitation program for several weeks in advance. While here, the guests saw the movie "Li'l Abner," went roller skating, and were entertained by a Fun Night in the McCallum cafetorium. The Fun Night included games, a sing-song, and refreshments.

Mike Rogers, MHS senior, had two boys aged 10 and 13 as guests in his home. Mike took his guests on a camping and hunting trip.

Jan Ward entertained her visitor, a 16-year-old girl, by giving a Oujie party.

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From Clubs to Colors

Traditions, Customs Tell of McCallum's History

With only six years behind it, McCallum has filled its brief history with pages and pages of traditions and customs. Starting from scratch, 1,350 students from Stephen F. Austin High, University Junior High, and Baker Junior High organized McCallum's first clubs and athletic teams and began the Knight traditions.

Why is this school called A. N. McCallum? It is named after Mr. A. N. McCallum, who was superintendent of Austin Public Schools for 40 years.

Press Capades started out as a "gag fest" for the benefit of the newspaper and the annual. It was a talent show theme with student talent furnishing the entertainment. Proceeds from the show sent the Shield delegation to the annual meeting of the Texas High School Press Association in Denton.

McCallum's senior rings were planned by a committee of eight seniors. The first rings had McCallum written on the stone.

The first Shield staff selected the paper's name. The Knight was named by the chairman of the Department of Journalism, University of Edinburgh, Scotland. Names entered besides Knight were The Lance, The Blue Shield, The Blue Knight, The Roundtable, and Knight Life.

"Hoot Mon" is Scottish for "Howdy." This was chosen as a sequel to Friendship Week. Books were sold for signatures. The week was to be climaxed with the presentation of the most outstanding boy and girl at the Travis after-game dance.

Mr. A. R. Sallee's Rod and Gun Club for boys and Mrs. Margaret Battle and Mr. Jim Collins' Ballroom Dancing Club were the first Thursday morning clubs established.

The Blue Brigaders began practicing their selling techniques by selling Yell Books that first year. These were "pocket-size" editions with ten or twelve yells.

The Student Council receives the credit for establishing the Friday before the Temple game as Color Day. Temple was at one time the Knights' Big Rival. The Student Council also decided to donate one-half of the proceeds from an annual assembly to the Shoe Fund. They also started the collecting of food from homerooms for needy families.

Another football tradition was started by the Publications Department of Travis and McCallum by buying the Victory Bell jointly. The editors of the four publications met midway of the Colorado Bridge and made the plans. These editors agreed that representatives of the winning school could ring the bell as long as they wished, but they couldn't ring

it following the stroke of midnight.

Mrs. Margaret Russell, Mr. Jim Collins, and Mr. Guy Bizzell started the Morning Devotions. The pattern followed that set by S. F. Austin High.

The first beauty revue was held March 27, 1954. Mr. Jim Collins and Mr. Lee Dell Horton, McCallum's Knight sponsor at this time, engineered the show.

The Coronation Ball was originally a May Fete. It was held at House Park as a carnival affair.

This is how McCallum's traditions were started. Each new project could be the beginning of a new tradition.

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This smart outfit includes a straight skirt which is priced at \$6.98. The cute crop top blouse, double-breasted style with brass buttons for \$5.98, can be worn with the skirt or with the completely lined jamaicas shorts of the ensemble. Incidentally the skirt is also completely lined. The jamaicas are priced at \$5.09. As if this isn't enough to complete a darlin' co-ordinate outfit, there's still one more item. The plain blouse with the rounded "peter-pan" collar is perfect to wear with the skirt creating the smart tailored effect. If you want a really "new" outfit for Spring be sure to come down to Scarbrough's and see this set.

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He was chosen Band Beau this year by McCallum Band girls. Gary has lettered in the band for 2 years. He is also a member of the Knight Beats, in which he plays the saxophone. Gary is also a Latin student and president of the Novi Romani Club. Gary's other interests center around the lake, where he spends all the time he can during the warm months.

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Gymnastic Contest First Spring Event

The boys' intramural spring semester program got under way with gymnastics on February 23 and 24. The all-around winners were: first place, Richard Allen; second place, Manuel Vasquez; and third place, Bill Beal.

During the first week in March the mixed volleyball teams will be organized and begin playing. The turnout for the mixed volleyball teams last year was larger than the turnout for any other event. Last year was the first year that mixed volleyball teams was a part of the intramural programs.

On March 28 the track intramurals will begin. Horseshoe throwing will get underway on April 4. On May 2 the final event of the semester, baseball, will begin.



McCallum's 1960 baseball team will feature three 1959 all-district performers: Russell Poling, Gerald Schroeder, and Ed Kasper. The 1960 opener was scheduled for Thursday, March 10, against SF Austin High.

Tracksters Defeated by Taylor, Knights Win Only Three Events

In a dual meet held in Taylor, cold weather and experienced trackmen proved too much, as the Knights fell to the Taylor Ducks.

The only events in which McCallum made a respectable showing were the high jump, pole vault, and the distance and sprint events. In the high jump, Edwin Hutto

was tied for first with a jump of 5 feet 2 inches. In the pole vault, Gayland Thompson soared 10 feet to tie for first and Johnny Greer took second with 9 feet 6 inches.

In the distance sprints McCallum placed only four times. The 220-yard dash proved most successful. Wayne Williams placed second with 24.4 and Jeran Hooten placed third with 24.5. In the 440-yard run Doug Jordan placed second with a 56.8, and Ed Schmidt placed third. Distance runs proved to be the Knights' strong spot. Tommy Smith placed first in the 880-yard run, and Dickie Streeter squeezed into second. In the mile run Ronnie Yates raced a beautiful finish to place first. Yates' last kick was enough to beat the Taylor miler who was close on his heels.

TIP OF THE HELMET by Eddie Legg

The 1960 edition of Knight football closed out its spring training session with the annual Blue-White game on March 1. Although bad weather interrupted spring practice quite a bit this year, there was a surprisingly small number of bad mistakes committed in the intrasquad contest. The game, won, by the way, by the Whites, 20-15, showed that the boys were extremely willing to mix it up. Leather popped frequently during the game.

An educated (we hope) guess as to the starting offensive line-up for the 1960 season would be: ends, Robert Myers (190 pounds) and Galen Jackson (185 pounds); tackles, Dow King (211 pounds) and Dick Peterson (190 pounds); guards, Adon Sitra (185 pounds) and Hulen Akers (201 pounds); and center, Stan McDonald (185 pounds) in the line with Tully Embrey (145 pounds), Danny Clark (190 pounds), Martin Tyson (180 pounds), and either Ronnie Moore (165 pounds) or Bob Jackson (155 pounds) in the backfield. That line averages around 190 pounds, which is extremely big for high school.

Ramblings

Big Danny Clark showed up, in our opinion, very well in the Blue-White game. Danny, who scored all of the Blue's points, has picked up a great deal of speed since last fall. He was clocked at 5.9 in the 50-yard dash, which is a good half-second faster than his last previous timing.

The inclement weather has also slowed up McCallum's other spring sports. The baseball team, for example, went for one stretch of five days without working outside. McCallum's pitching staff, once

thought to be weak in depth, is shaping up in fine fashion. Right-handers Russ Poling, Dick Peterson, Bob Pelath, and Jerry Skoglund, along with southpaw Buddy Clark give the Knights five apparently good arms to rely on.

The tennis squad met with defeat in its first meet held at Falfurrias. The Knight team, which is comparatively young and inexperienced, could not salvage a win in six tries.

Top track prospect this year could be miler-half-miler Tommy Smith. Tommy had a good season last year until he was slowed by an injury. This year the long-legged senior placed eighth in the State Cross-Country meet.

Golfers Place Fifth In Brady Tourney

The McCallum golf team placed fifth in a field of 16 in the Brady tournament, held on March 5.

Low scorer for the Knights was Jimmy Cawfield, with a score of 79.

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