



Sue Pardo exhibits one of the awards she received at the Awards Assembly Monday. Sue was chosen outstanding member of the third hour choir where she has served as secretary for three years.

## Special School Awards Assembly Climaxes '60-'61 School Activities

The eighth annual Awards Assembly was held in the gymnasium Monday from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The program was broadcast to the entire school, and the sophomores attended the assembly. Students who received recognition sat on chairs in front of the stage.

The program was begun with an invocation given by Mr. Guy Bizzell. Members of the faculty who made awards gave a brief speech concerning what was involved in receiving the awards before the students were recognized.

The awards were presented to the students by the teachers or sponsors of the various organizations. Mrs. Jessie Smith and Mrs. Margaret Russell presented the homemaking awards, Miss Harrilee Heirman presented the Red Cross award, Mrs. Marguerite Moehlman presented the French

awards, and Dr. Frank Phillips presented the band and orchestra awards.

Mr. L. M. Etheredge presented the visual aid projection certificates, Mr. Ronald Williams and Miss Margaret Harris awarded the Science Fair and Mathematics Research recognition, Mrs. Frances Brougher presented the physical fitness awards, and Mr. Lavoy Whitworth presented the choral awards.

Shorthand awards were presented by Mrs. Evelyn Watkins, and the typing awards were presented by Miss Georgia Lou West. Mr. Neville Hargrave presented the boys' intramural awards, and Miss Betty Slaughter presented the girls' intramural awards. Mr. Guy Bizzell presented the speech awards, and Mr. C. A. Jennings awarded the Royal Court Players certificates.

The publications awards were presented by Miss Norma Jean Barber and Miss Marjorie Menefee. Miss Sara Lee Hudson presented the English composition award, and Miss Martha Agnor presented the Student Council Service Award and announced Girls' and Boys' State representatives.

Miss Helen Boyesen presented the science awards, and Mr. H. C. Byler recognized the outstanding students in Metal Working I and II. Mrs. Dorothy Ashton presented an English award, and Carol Cummings presented the Future Teachers of America award. Miss Margaret Battle awarded the Texas history recognition. Mr. J. B. Brannan presented the distributive education awards, and Mr. P. G. McKenzie recognized the National Merit Scholarship award winners.

Twenty-three girls received the Junior FHA awards; six girls received special homemaking awards. Sue Pardo was recognized for her outstanding work in the Red Cross during 1960-'61. Eighteen boys received the Visual Aid Projection Certificates.

Eight students received first-year French awards; three received second-year awards; four received third-year awards, and Ann Hogue received the fourth-year award. Five orchestra members received one-year letters, and 75 band members received one and two-year letters.

Sixteen students were recognized for their science and mathematics ability, and thirteen students received science awards. Billy Huie was named as the outstanding science senior for competition for the Texas Chemical Council Award.

Thirty-seven girls received physical fitness recognition. Seventeen girls and 16 boys were presented intramural awards. John Flowers received a letter

for having won fourth place in the State Swimming Meet. Two students were presented industrial education awards.

Fifteen girls were presented short-hand awards, and six students were recognized for outstanding typing. Speech awards were presented to 33 students, and 25 members of the Royal Court Players were recognized. Thirty-three members of the *Shield* and *Knight* staff were honored.

Four students were presented distributive education awards. Seventeen students were recognized for their performance on the National Merit Scholarship Test. Louisa Rarey was recognized for her theme on "The Best Teacher I've Ever Had," and Madeline Carl was recognized for her outstanding service to the Future Teachers club. Two students were presented Texas history awards.

Two boys were recognized as outstanding students from the metal working classes. Bonnie Messer and Dick Streeter were presented the Student Council Service Award.

## 'Players' Host Drama Social

The Royal Court Players played host at the first drama get-together held May 8 at 7:30 in the McCallum Cafeteria. Representatives from the Red Dragon Players of Austin High School and Thespians of the Scarlet Mask from Travis High attended.

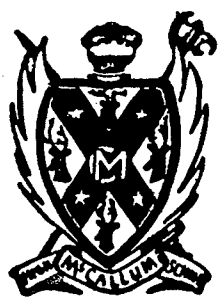
The special guest speaker was Miss Lucy Barton, retired Professor of Drama at the University of Texas.

Honorary guests included Miss Gloria Cole, sponsor of the Austin drama group, Mrs. June Carp, sponsor of the Travis drama group, Dr. F. Loren Winship, Chairman of the Department of Drama at the University of Texas, and Mrs. Ruth Alan, of the English department at the University.

The program consisted of a lecture by Miss Barton on "The Role of Costumes in a Play". Examples of costumes from some of the University Shakespearean productions, including the recent "Macbeth" were displayed.

Miss Barton has personally designed all the costumes for Mr. B. Iden Payne, director of the Shakespearean plays, since 1950.

For her work in this field of theatre, Miss Barton has received the Southwest Theatre Conference Award in 1956 and in 1960 the Eaves Senior Award for service to Educational Theatre, presented by the American Educational Theatre Association.



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## Gross, Mabry Chosen To Attend Girl's, Boy's State Here In Austin

Gail Gross will represent McCallum at Girl's State which will be held at The Texas School for the Deaf from June 14-24, while Phil Mabry will represent McCallum at Boy's State which will be held at The University of Texas from June 4-10.

Last year Marilyn Arnot attended Girl's State and Dick Peterson attended Boy's State.

These students were chosen from the Junior class by the 11th grade advisors upon the following basis: character, leadership, integrity and scholarship. The names of these representatives from McCallum were announced at the Awards Assembly. The students should be willing to help in any way possible and also be inter-

ested in what the government is doing for the individual.

The purpose of both Girl's State and Boy's State is to educate young men and women in duties, privileges, rights, and responsibilities of American citizenship. They choose their own officials in accordance with regular election procedures. The political parties in these two organizations differ in that the two "parties" in the Girl's State are called "Nationalist" and "Federalist" while the "parties" in Boy's State are called "Longhorns" and "Pioneers".

The students will be able to participate in other activities besides the scheduled program. Some of the miscellaneous activities that they will be able to participate in are: The Girl's

State Newspaper, musical programs, amateur night, and athletic contests. Some of the extra-curricular activities for boys are athletic contests, and Special entertainment groups.

When Gail and Phil return home, they will give a complete report to their sponsor and any other groups that will benefit from the information they gathered during their stay.

### Calendar

May 19—Senior Banquet and Prom  
Football picnic  
22—26—Dead Week  
28—Baccalaureate Services  
31—McCallum Commencement  
June 1—Austin Commencement  
2—Travis Commencement

## Registration Set For '61-'62 Year

The Austin Independent School District has set the date for the beginning of the 1961-62 school year, for the Austin High Schools, as Tuesday, September 5.

However, teachers will begin pre-school work shops and registration starting August 23 thru September 4.

Holidays for the entire school system include Thanksgiving, November 23-24, Christmas, December 21—January 2, and Easter, April 20-23.

The first semester will end January 26 and students will return on the 29th to begin the new semester year.

The closing of the school year of '62 will be May 31, 1962.

## Pre-Season Game Serves Four Goals

Yesterday morning during advisory the annual Senior-Junior basketball game was played in the gym. The game is the climax of basketball spring training.

It served four purposes: one to give Coach Frank Rundell a look at next year's boys, two, to give the student body a preview of next year's team; three, to make money to buy equipment for the team; and fourth, to boost the morale of the team by playing their best against the seniors.

Last year the game was won by the seniors but this year the seniors can just barely field a team of five which means a tiring job for the seniors.

Johnny Ray Henderson will lead the seniors with Roy Lawrence, Dennis Murphy, Steve Holt, and Russell Poling giving support.

## Seniors Close Year With Banquet, Prom, Baccalaureate, Graduation

Senior banquet, prom, Baccalaureate Services, and graduation take prominence on their calendar as Seniors draw near the end of their high school careers.

Tonight the Crystal Ballroom of the Driskill Hotel will be the setting of the Banquet and Prom of the '61 graduates.

This year for the first time the Banquet will not be held on the Mezzanine but in the Ballroom. The Banquet, beginning at 6:30 hosts Rev. Edward V. Long, pastor of St. Martins Lutheran Church as speaker. Only members of Senior Class are permitted to attend the banquet.

After the Banquet the dining area will be cleared for dancing. The Prom will start at 9:00 lasting until 11:30. Cost of the banquet and prom will be \$3.00 per person. If a person wishes to take someone outside of the senior class, there is an additional charge of \$1.00.

Music will be furnished by records secured by Becky Reese, chairman of the music committee.

On May 28, Baccalaureate services will be held at University Methodist Church at 7:30. Dr. James Morgan, pastor of the University Methodist will be guest speaker. The University Chapel choir will furnish the music under the direction of Lavoy Whitworth, interium choir director at University. The services are to set a

spiritual tone for the graduates.

Climaxing public school education the seniors will receive diplomas at commencement exercises May 31 at the Municipal Auditorium. Beginning at 8:15 the estimated 367 graduating seniors will hear an address by Judge Ruel C. Walker associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas.

After the address Mr. N. H. Wittner principal, will announce the three boys and three girls with the highest scholastic rating. At this time he will present other awards.

The diplomas will be presented by Mr. C. N. Avery, President of the Board of education.

Also participating in the services

will be Rev. W. R. Irvin who will give the invocation, Dennis Reaves, president of the senior class who will give the welcoming address, and Mr. Irby Carruth, Superintendent of the Austin Public Schools, who will introduce Judge Walker. Included in the program was a band and choral selection.



Above, Johnnie Lu Raborn adjusts the collar of Martie Cope as Martie and Bob Estus try on their cap and gown. These were among the first shipment received and distributed to seniors.



Left Linda Hoy models the dream of every senior girl as she sits down to eat at the Senior Banquet. The over-sized napkin doesn't get in Linda's way as she seems to be commenting on some phase of the meal.

# Escape Or Inspiration?

Graduation—a term lost in the haze of the future for all students except seniors, and often even beyond hope for them, marks the end of one era and the beginning of another. Graduation is the finale of twelve years of work or play whatever the case may be and the beginning of independent life. Education may mean different things to different people. Some students will accept twelve years of school as their total education. To them graduation opens the door to independence, this quest for quick freedom soon turns the mind back to school and cultivates the desire to continue their education, often to late. The idea of quitting should be contemplated to the fullest degree before a decision is made, important prestige and higher salaries can be thrown away all too quickly with a snap decision.

In today's world an economy which provides the base for higher living calls for an ever increasing demand to know how to bring home an equally progressive salary. The only answer to this demand is education. As students we are faced with this problem, and if we desire a secure place in tomorrow's society we must throw off the temptations of the present and plan for the future. It is difficult to comprehend that the boys and girls of today will be the parents of tomorrow and we will occupy a role requiring discipline and leadership. At this time in our lives we will realize the importance of an education. It will be to late to come back, this is why our parents push us today. The importance has been realized. As students we receive the assistance of our parents in most of the things we do even though their help goes unnoticed most of the time. Tomorrow little help will be offered; what we make of ourselves will be what we are.

This is why what we do today is so important. When the time comes that an education determines our income and the social place we occupy in society, then an education will be of the utmost importance to us.

This is what we should consider today for this period of our life spells our future. The firm conviction for a solid education must be fixed in our minds by the time college is entered. The only other alternative will be to accept the fact that we will be left by the wayside and not have an important role in our societies future. It is a well known fact that a college education is no bed of roses. Little aid is extended and the ability, along with the desire to receive an education, determines passage or failure.

The importance of an education should be considered throughly by sophomores, juniors, and seniors alike. The word graduation should denote a different meaning to each class and should mark a distinct period of our lives, our high school education.

# Seniors Say Best Yet

No. Eighth yes, it is already the eighth year in the existence of our wonderful school. Just eight short years ago construction was still in progress.

By now our school has aged and matured in many ways. Having grown to an average daily attendance of 1473 students last six weeks, our school is definitely not short of students, but Lanier will remedy this problem. Although McCallum is a large school, through careful organization and planning, we have accomplished several things, by both individual and united efforts.

When we think back to the beginning of the year, we seem to remember the finally complete paving of Sunshine Drive as the first noteworthy achievement. Having gotten rid of the dust bowl, Knights proceeded to vigorously tackle many other long neglected problems.

More fans, trash cans, much-longed-for water coolers, reserved parking places, and daily flag ceremonies helped the prestige and added to the basic enjoyment of our school.

Several students won great honors throughout the year, both athletically and scholastically. From scholarships to running a mile, we have competed keenly.

Having only touched on some of the achievements accomplished during this eighth year, it seems to be our best year in history. If you do not agree, just ask any senior.

# Bathing Suit, Basic Common Sense Essentials For Any Swimming Trip

By Bob Estus

Yes, summer vacation is almost here. It is already the time of year when most students thoughts turn to thoughts of the outdoors in one way or another. Being graced with the chain of wonderful highland lakes, everybody has a better-than-average chance to go on picnics, ski trips, fishing trips, hikes, or some other equally enjoyable outdoor pastime.

As the thermometer crawls up to the 'high' for the day, the long awaited day of leisure, the cool water seems to beckon us to hurriedly change and jump right in, but a person should

consult his everyday common sense, before he does something extremely foolish and dangerous.

Many people seem to think that lifesaving courses are a waste of time, and ideally they are correct. If each and every person would use their common sense to the fullest, nobody would ever need to take a lifesaving course. If every person fully realized his capabilities in the water, nobody would ever carelessly die from drowning.

Anyone that is a novice swimmer, for instance, should naturally conclude that they should stay in shallow water. Also, the advanced swimmer should

realize that he can get dangerously exhausted after staying in the water for an extended length of time.

Since people as a whole can never be expected to rely this strongly on their common sense or to even think before acting all the time, lifesaving courses must be taught to instruct the too few people that will take the time to learn enough and develop enough skill to be able to save the lives of his fellow man. Just think of all the time and money that would be saved if each person with basic intelligence applied it to water safety.

How many people plunge right into the middle of a theme without starting at the beginning? Well, not very many of course! Then, why should a person who knows he is not a good swimmer deliberately place himself in danger of drowning by going out in a boat without a lifepreserver. If the boat should happen to turn over or he should accidentally fall out, the saving of his life would very likely be dependent upon some other person. Exercise of his common sense would have very easily safeguarded his life against such an 'accident.'

For those people that are still a little hazy about common sense rules for water safety, some of them are presented here.

(1. Never, NEVER go swimming alone! Usually there is somebody around that would enjoy a swim and would go with you without too much persuasion.)

2. Do not go swimming for at least an hour or more after eating a meal.

(3. Know the place where you are planning to swim. Know what the bottom is like—how it slopes, whether there are holes or not, etc.)

4. Do not stay in the water for a lengthy time, especially at the first of the season. Remember at first you will not be as strong as you were at the end of the preceeding summer.



"Giddap Jezebel, They're already playing Pomp and Circumstance!"

## From the Lowlands

### Anti-Commie Committee Vigorous

Tascosa High School, from Amarillo, Texas, has organized a discussion group who take a deep interest in Communism and its effect upon the world. The name of this discussion group, "Youth For America," means exactly what it says. The members are not only against Communism, but any thing that threatens the welfare of the United States.

Youth For America doesn't plan to wipe out Communism all by itself, but they believe that the first step toward this goal is through education on the subject. The members are instructed to get the facts first-hand about the Communist doctrine and tactics and then to translate learning into deeds.

The Pioneer  
Tascosa High School  
Amarillo, Texas

At the recent Interscholastic League Press Conference, Max Haddick, a journalism teacher at Texas Christian University, presented these headline goofs:

Man on Way to Italy  
To See Family Killed

Youth Born in U.S.  
In Polish Uniform

Safety Pins  
Presented to  
Car Drivers

Three States Hit by Blizzard;  
One Missing

Death Ends Life  
of Sen. Cummings

Illinois Man Pulls  
Needle From Foot He  
Swallowed 66 Years Ago

Woman Is Injured When  
Bus Hits Her on Curve

Mother Kills Her

Daughter and Self  
Then Burns Home

Negro Boy Held on Charge  
of Fatally Killing Another

Alleged Woman Tossed  
Out of Car in Motion

Victim of Stray  
Shots Dies;  
May Prefer Charges

Two Banks Robbed  
And One Killed By  
Nashville Bandits

Baby Swallows Pins;  
Removed by Doctor

Uncovers Skeleton of  
Indian Digging for  
New City Flag Pole

## Dozing Conformists Need To Be Worried

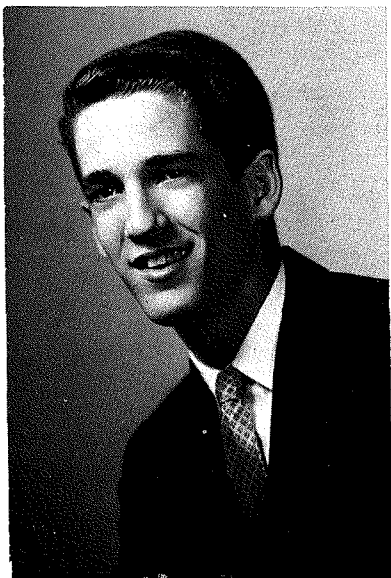
"Summer time and the living is easy—" or so goes the lines of an old song. Laziness protrudes its sticky head into the world and expounds its gospel. The followers cease all activity and pursue rest and relaxation to the fullest. Yawn follows yawn until the whole world is injected with its infectious serum. A malady effects all, a malady which keeps people from even mentioning the evil word *work*. Idleness is everywhere and not any time to think.

Comes now into the placid scene a non-conformist. Like the ant that scoffed the grasshopper, this fellow admonishes his fellows for their laziness. As good advice is usually unheeded the forces of laziness prevail and careful planning is left for a later date. The careful people doze around a short period and then begin making plans for school, college, or a job.

But the grasshoppers fool around until the icy blasts of winter freeze them into permanently immobile blocks of ice. The ants however, through careful planning and observation of the future, were able to ward off the icy blasts of winter.

# University Studio Presents

Burt Branstetter, a straight "A" student at McCallum, is featured this week for University studios. Burt, an active junior, finds time to participate in the choir, Lairds, and his church organization. Burt was elected alternate cheerleader for 1961-62 and is second vice-president of the Pan-Am. club. He also is active in McCallum's Hi-Y Club.



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# HITHER HEATHER

By WAYNE KRAMER

From the scream of frantic crowds to the hum of movie cameras—these are familiar sounds to McCallum graduate, James Brewer.

While in his senior year at McCallum, Jim was a professional fighter, then known as "Gentlemen Jim" Brewer and he even won the Golden Gloves Tournament here in Austin.

After his graduation in 1955, Jim enrolled in the University of Texas as a geology student but quit in 1956 and moved to Hollywood where he spent one year working in professional productions.

Here he studied acting and appeared in several Stage Society Theatre productions.

In the spring of 1959, Jim entered the profession of acting. He appeared in several ACT production including "Guys and Dolls" and "Cat On a Hot Tin Roof".

Since that time, Brewer has appeared in "The Alamo" as the gun captain for the Travis regiment and "Two Rode Together", a John Ford western soon to be released.

Currently, Jim Brewer is starring in "None But the Brave", a locally filmed war story mentioned in the last column. The film will be released through American International sometime in August.

Locally, motion picture billings for the coming weeks include at the Para-

mount "Two Loves" through May 21 and "Young Savages" May 25 through May 31. Beginning June 1 is "Ladies Man".

The State's billings include "Secret Ways" May 21 through May 24, and "One Eyed Jacks" May 25 through June 3.

The Varsity has "The Trapp Family" billed through May 23 and a return of "Gone With the Wind" scheduled May 24 through May 30. "Cimarron" is scheduled May 31 through June 3.



Starring in the locally filmed war movie, "None But the Brave" is James Brewer, a former McCallumite. Also in the movie as a German youth is Tommy Alexander, 1960 graduate of McCallum.

## Golf, Swimming, Tennis, Skiing Included In Summer Recreation

As the days of May slowly drop away, many people become concerned about the summer. Austin offers many opportunities for high school students to amuse themselves.

Summer offers time for those more lengthy or time-consuming things that one never really has time for during the school year, and more people will turn out for these activities. It can be truthfully said that there is an activity for every person.

Students who are under the influence of television westerns may take to the

saddle at any of the numerous riding stables around Austin. Hobby Horse Stables give instruction in riding and jumping as does the Webwood Riding and Recreation Center.

Both the Balcones Riding Stables and Circle Bee Ranch offer public riding, and a new riding stable has opened near Lakewood, a few miles out of the city limits, which offers a chance to ride before or after going swimming.

Future Sam Sneads or people who just enjoy swinging at a ball with a golf club may enjoy themselves at either the Municipal or Hancock golf courses, which are open to the public.

Miniature Golf, a sport which has been growing in popularity in the past few years, is going strong in Austin. Bat-N-Bow and Green Acres both offer this entertainment.

Another popular sport in Austin is tennis. Caswell Tennis Courts offer both a chance to practice and play. A novice to the sport may receive instruction in the finer points of the game.

Swimming is certainly one sport which no one needs to be informed about. There seems to be undoubtedly more swimming pools in Austin than any other city in Texas. Northwest Pool, which is reasonably close for nearly all McCallum Students, is a certain hideaway for all on any hot day.

If, by some whim of fate, the swimming pool has more people than water, it is inevitable that some neighbor has a backyard pool. Need more be said?

The annual pastime during the summer is an old-fashioned picnic. This activity is one of the simplest and

least expensive of all such amusements. If one is on the industrious side (and doesn't mind eating his own cooking) he can easily fix a suitable lunch or dinner. An excellent alternative to fixing one's own lunch is to get a date who has taken a foods course.

If those two possibilities are closed, picnic box-lunches can be purchased from many restaurants. Youngbloods Fried Chicken and the Chicken Shack make up these box-lunches. Other restaurants prepare orders to go which could serve as a picnic dinner.

Zilker Park, in South Austin, is one of the most popular sites for picnics. Concrete tables are offered for the public. Lakewood also offers many sites for picnicing, but no tables are provided for that purpose. These parks also offer additional activities such as swimming, horseback riding, and boating.

For students who enjoy traveling a few miles out of town, City Park offers facilities for the picnicker and for hiking. The broad stretch of water is designed for fun, and boating and water skiing are offered, as on all of the many lakes which are near Austin.

Only a fraction of the many forms of self-entertainment have been mentioned here. A wealth of ideas for parties, activities and dates are spread in a panorama in Austin which only one key can unlock—the key of imagination!

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# CROSSING LINES

By Stan McDonald

Well, Knights, its getting to be that time again, and the McCallum athletic program must call an end to another year of service. Being a senior and not eligible to take part in this program next year, I would like to frankly express my opinion concerning the whole affair.

With several exceptions this year, McCallum athletics was rotten. "Just wait till next year" was one of the most used expressions in the halls and lockerroom. "What is the real reason for our failures?" was the earnest rhetorical question, whined by sophomores and senior alike.

Someone always popped off "McCallum just doesn't have a winning tradition, that's all!"

I say there is no real thing as a "winning tradition", itself. The only reason McCallum loses is that it is bound by the sorry rationalization that "McCallum doesn't have it." But McCallum does have it—and plenty, too.

The only reason that McCallum loses is that it doesn't win, or doesn't want to win bad enough. Other people like to win, too—especially when they have such a foe as we. With the black of that certain something, the football team didn't fare too well last fall (3-7).

We aren't the Salvation Army—the "Wacoan" called us the "sleeping

giant" of Austin. "As easy as taking candy from a baby," they laughed after the gun sounded; we trudged, with bowed heads, to the fieldhouse, showered slowly, ate a fine meal, and had a blast on the trip home. Only one word of advice to the '61 football team: If you do lose a game, don't throw chocolate during the ride home—its tough on those nice letterjackets.

Not having been on the basketball squad, I don't know what happened in the lockerroom after those losses. Being an ardent Laird, though, I noticed the spectator morale that stretched and sagged with each loss. All was not lost, however, for there were some mighty fine performances. And, speaking honestly, I don't believe we got a square deal in several crucial instances.

The track team, however, fared a little better (of course, I'm a track man), despite the lack of support. All of the performances this year were much improved over last year's. In fact, a couple of records were broken; Ronnie Yates broke the Austin Public Schools mile record and Richard White set a new school record in the century. The performances of the golf team were also impressive.

Don't get me wrong; I think McCallum is the greatest school there is, with some of the greatest guys and gals in the world—but I hate to see my friends, and my ideals, stomped on.

## Yates Places Fifth, Breaks City Record

Ronny Yates broke the Austin Public School mile run record while placing fifth in the state meet held at Memorial Stadium May 6. His time was 4:33.1, a drop of 5.9 seconds from his previous best, a 4:39.0 at the regional meet.

The old Austin Public School record of 4:36.0 was set by Bill Howard of Austin High in 1933 and tied by John Donnelly in 1958.

Richard Romo of Technical, San Antonio, ran the second fastest mile in Texas schoolboy history to win state in the time of 4:18.2. His time was only three tenths of a second over the state record of 4:17.9 set by John Cooper of Technical, Fort Worth, in 1958.

An interesting fact to note is that both Ronny and Richard are juniors and both are in the same region. Several records will surely suffer from this fact next year.

## Losing Season's Comment Reveals Detrimental Factors

By Russel Poling

The Knight baseballers have just completed their first losing year with a record of 6 wins and 15 loses since McCallum opened. This is not indicative of the quality of the team. Out of the twenty-one games, eight were decided by one run, the Knights won only two.

The starting line up at the end of the season contained three sophomores, three juniors and three seniors. This young ball club promises strong teams for the future but as for this year it was not particularly successful.

Not to load the whole burden on the sophomores and juniors there are two other factors that lent a detrimental hand.

One was that the seniors who are supposed to form the nucleus of the

team were lagging in their leadership. The pitching chores were put on the shoulders of Dick Peterson and Poling whose pitching was more or less sporadic and at some times "spastic." The hitting and fielding support given by Tully Embry and Robert Myers came in spurts.

The other factor was of the new coach, Oscar Peterson, coming to McCallum to take over Charles Munson's place. As when any coach takes over there is usually utter chaos as far as organization goes; the beginning of Peterson's reign was no different. In fact, the whole season has been rather chaotic. As of yet, close to a week after the baseball season was terminated, captains have not been elected, jackets chosen, or lettermen announced.

These should not be considered as excuses but rather reasons, for there is not such a thing as excuses for losing but instead, a reason for losing. In a way this is an mild apology to the student body (if you are among the ones who come to support the team) and a strong promise of better things to come.

## Coaches Visit Here, See Basketballers

Coach Leon Black of Marsh Lawn Junior College came to see Johnny Ray Henderson April 17 about trying out at Marsh Lawn for a full scholarship. While Coach Black was here Phillip "The Leg" George came in to see Roy Lawrence, Dennis Murphy, and Johnny Ray about trying out at San Angelo Junior College.

Since Coach George was here he wanted to sit in while Coach Black talked to Johnny Ray. As usual when friends get together old times were talked about and Johnny Ray was soon forgotten.

As both coaches were ready to leave, Coach George said to the boys, "I am a good Austin boy and I was once a former Sunday School student of Coach Rundell's, so do not listen to Coach Black."

## Two Knight 'Mural Teams' Place First, Second at City

Two McCallum girls' intramural basketball teams placed first and second in the City Intramural Tournament April 14, held in the Austin High gym. The two teams were Joan Drosche's team, who placed first, and Patti Roach's team, who placed second.

The girls composing Joan Drosche's team were Judy Browning, Gale Stockman, Anne Curtis, Charlotte Thomp-

son, Virginia Campbell, Tommie McGinnis, Lynn Reeder, Gwen Chancellor, Sandra Fry, and Kay Smith.

The girls on Patti Roach's team were Mary Keithly, Elaine Savage, Carolyn Cochran, Bertha Hutto, Vivian Haggood, Esther Shoaf, Elizabeth Richards, Rosemary White, and Sharon Saathoff.

This was the first time in history that McCallum High School has succeeded in jousting the Austin High intramural teams out of both first and second place positions in the tournament.

There is an interesting sidelight about Patti Roach's team. Basically this same group of senior girl athletes has composed the Roach intramural team in all sports offered since the tenth grade. This team has participated in at least one tri-city tournament each year. The team went to the basketball tournament in the tenth; baseball in the eleventh; and volleyball and basketball so far in the twelfth grade.

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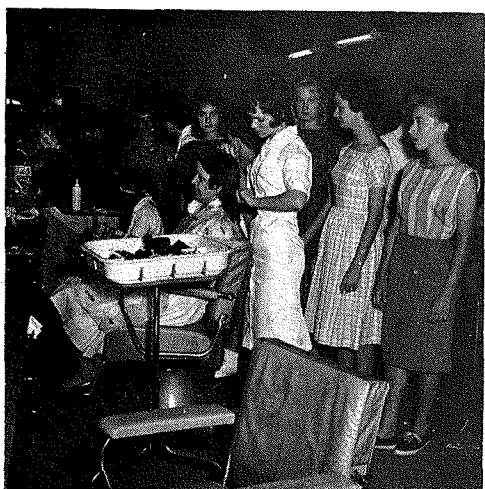
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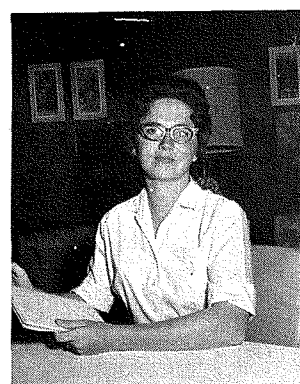
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