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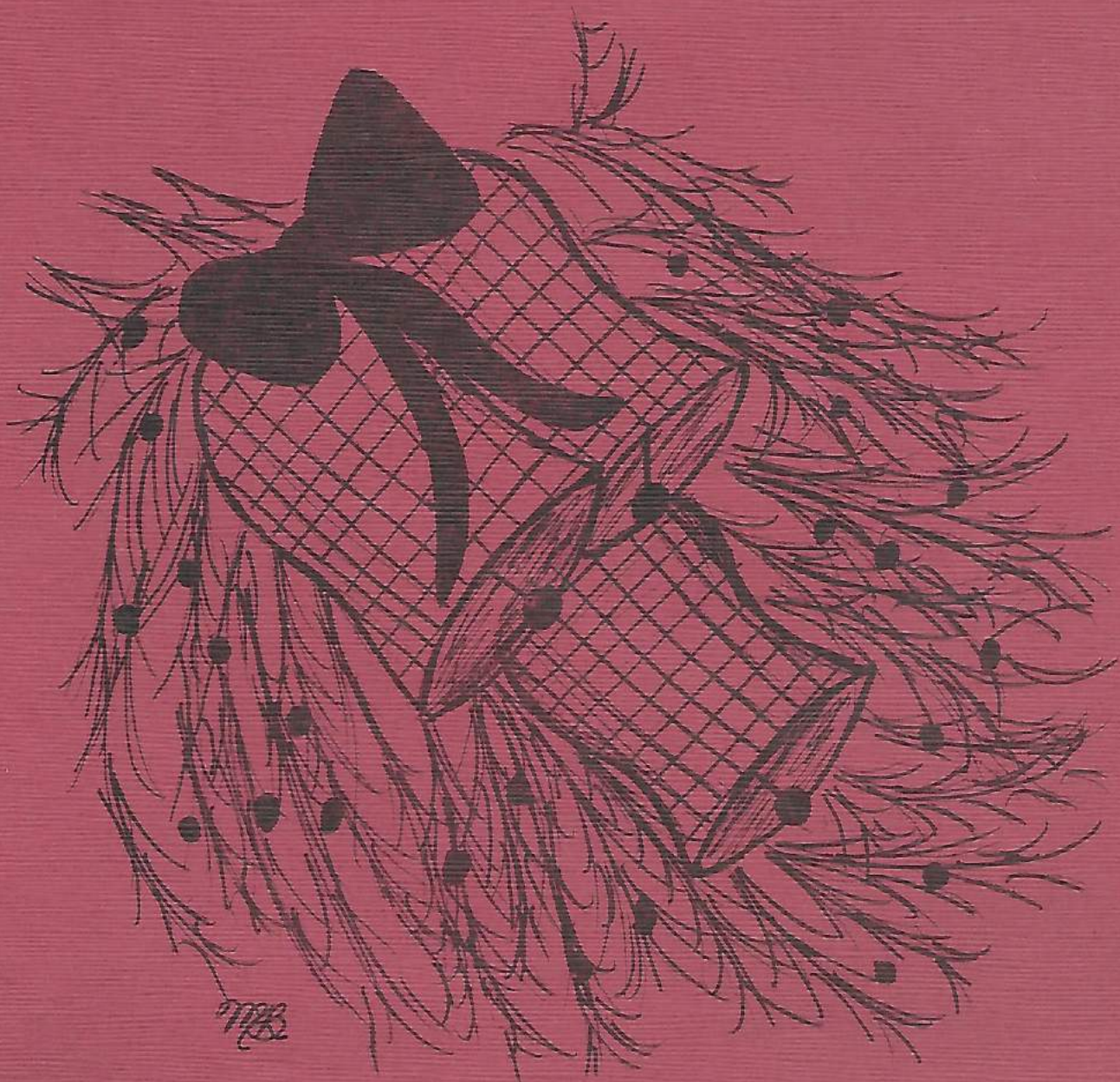


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MERRY CHRISTMAS



WEIGHTED GRADING SYSTEM

A touchy subject at JC-M in the past few years has been the possibility of "weighting" subjects. All that this issue really amounts to is the fact that many students feel that when class members are ranked according to grades, consideration should not only be given to the students' grade averages, but also to the subjects they take.

It is fairly easy to see why these students might be a little upset when ranks are given out. A student who maintains an average of 92 in courses such as physics, Honors English, advanced math, and a language course would be ranked below a student with an average of 93 whose schedule consists of home economics, applied math, typing, and a regular English course. Many feel that the first student is definitely getting the rough end of the deal.

There is only one fault to these students' contention. That is that they base their arguments on the fact that those who take "easy" subjects should not be ranked alongside those who are enrolled in "hard" courses. The trouble is, who is to decide what is "hard" or what is "easy"?

For someone who is not artistically inclined, Art I may prove to be difficult. Girls who are very proficient mathematicians may find home economics to be a tough course. A student who is very shy will probably think that speech I is the hardest course in the school, and of course, all have at one time or another thought that physical education teachers ask the impossible!

The list could go on, but I believe the point is obvious. If ten students were asked to name the hardest subject in the school ten different responses would probably be given.

If a "weight" system were approved by school officials, it seems that some major changes would be made at JC-M. One would be a gradual splitting of the school into two divisions—a college preparatory section and a vocational division.

Also, students who are not really interested in certain courses of study would be expected to take subjects that little interest them or would be needed by them in the future if they are to be considered for top rankings.

Therefore, all that this leads to is the fact that setting a fair standard for ranking students is definitely impractical, and some might consider it impossible.

Everyone has different abilities and needs.

Kathy Naylor

COST NOT TEST OF VALUE

Who is Santa Claus?

Everyone knows who he is!

He's the jolly ole fellow who appears this time each year spreading joy to both young and old.

But unfortunately there are some children who have never even heard of Santa Claus. Worse than that are the ones who do know about him but are deprived of the joy his visits bring.

As we do our annual Christmas shopping, we think only about what we're going to receive. We also worry about how much money we have to spend for the amount of gifts we must buy.

Somewhere a small child will awake Christmas morning expecting a visit from Santa, only to discover that he has not been. Imagine the disappointment of that heartbroken child. She will be wondering why she has nothing while you're wondering why you received only six gifts.

I am not saying to tell everyone to stop giving you gifts because someone else isn't getting anything, but to appreciate whatever is given to you however trifle or inexpensive it may be. Don't let the material mean more to you than the loving thought that is meant to be expressed.

And maybe this Christmas you can give a little something to that child who might otherwise have no Christmas at all. Help let him know that Santa loves him as well as everyone else.

Merry Christmas to all!

Mary Barbour



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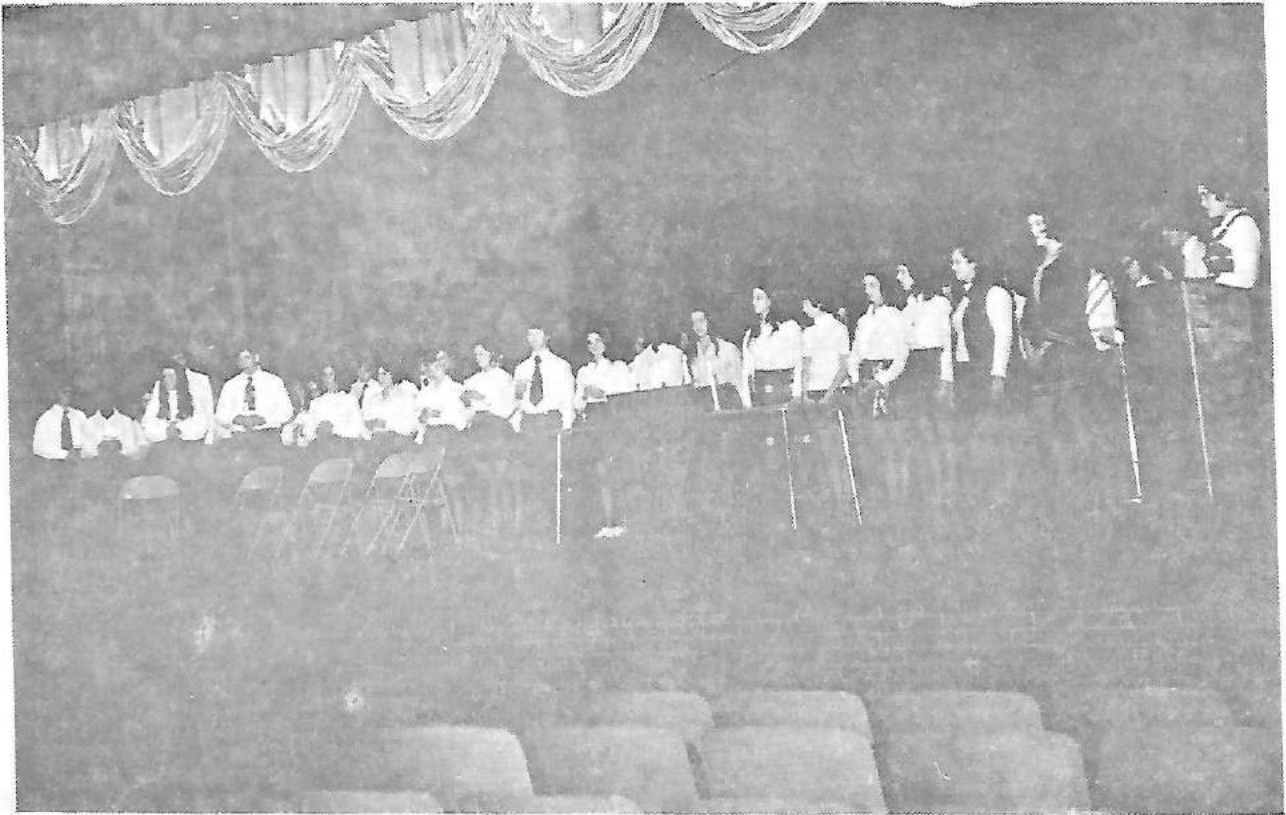
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74 JCM Students Initiated Into NHS



The JC-M chapter of the National Honor Society held initiation ceremonies in the West Campus auditorium on November 21.

Besides maintaining a B average, the members must exhibit scholarship, good character, leadership qualities, and service to their school and community.

The newly chosen officers of the chapter are Ann Johnson, president; Brenda Measells, vice-president; Cathy Lett, secretary-treasurer; and Cynthia MCellan, program-chairman.

Other new members are Kenneth Adcock, Debbie Allen, Blake Anderson, David Baker, Mary Barbour, Stan Berry, Tim Byrd, Tommy Cagle, Frances Caldwell, John Cawthon, Ann Childs, Ginny Conger, Ann Dailey, Sally Davis, Yvonne Davis, Michelle DeToire, Steve Dubner, Toni Ferguson, Connie Forbis, and Donna Frahn.

Also initiated were Ruth Gay, Wayne Graves, Gwenda Green, Polly Hampton,

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Other new members include Pam Pratt, Debra Ragland, Ted Rawls, Susan Reeder, Teresa Reves, Jim Richman, Joyce Roland, Cecilia Rukavina, Lenella Schneider, Ruth Ann Sierk, Danny Smith, Susan Stanfield, Mattie Taylor, Linda Thomas, Jim Thomason, Tillie Tiller, Craig Watkins, Debbie Webb, June Webb, Connie Weber, Loretta West, and Jim Wilkins.

After the program, refreshments were served in the cafeteria.

Sponsors of the club are Mrs. Beverly Hall and Mrs. Mary Womack.

Carson Dugan won prizes at the High School Art Contest and Exhibit. The contest was held at Jackson State State Community College November 13 thru 17.

Emily won first place and \$20.00 in the painting division. Cecilia won third place and \$5.00 in the same division. While Carson Dugan won First place and \$20.00 in the Poster division.

The only division we didn't win a place in was Drawing and Painting.

SPEECH STUDENTS ATTEND TOURNAMENT

Eight, seven, six--the time cards marked the minutes; first, second, third--the judges marked the ballots. The contest was the Fourth Annual Krider Invitational Forensic Tournament held November 17 and 18 at Henry County High School in Paris, Tennessee. Eight of the contestants were Jackson Central-Merry students who spent weeks preparing to compete in the four divisions in the contest. Schools from Tennessee, Kentucky, and from places as far away as Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania participated.

Among our students were Debbie Webb and Danny Williams who competed in Dramatic Interpretation. Danny Williams placed as a semi-finalist with his performance of "A Cracker Prayer" by Langston Hughes. Kathy Naylor and Randy Fesmire participated in Extempore Speaking--an event in which the speaker presents a 4-7 minute speech on a current event topic selected randomly one half hour before the performance. Marilyn Wallace and Keith Davis took part in the Oratory Division. Keith was a semi-finalist with his original speech "Whatever Happened to the Great American Family?" Jeff Morris and Steve Dubner debated the National High School Topic: Resolved that the Federal Government should provide exclusive financing of Public Education. Jeff and Steve won the first of four preliminary rounds.

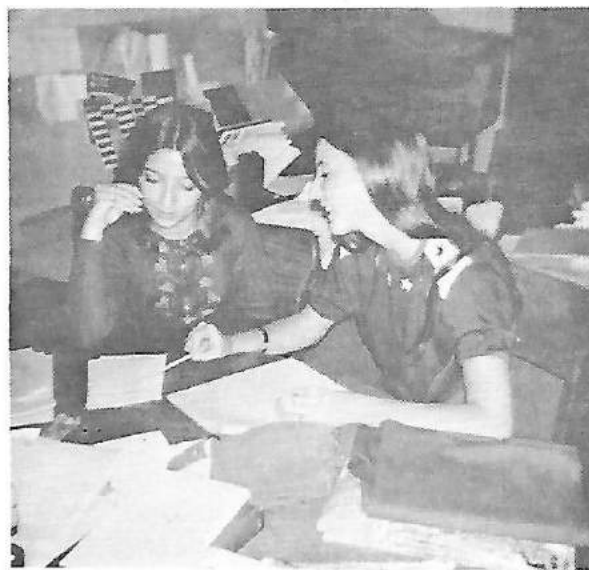
Although our students were not final winners in the tournament, they gained valuable experience which will help them as they prepare for their next tournament in January. Mrs. Frances Dubner, and Mr. William Haney, the Speech advisors who accompanied the students to Paris, have full confidence in the capability of our students to come out on top in their future competitions.

Mrs. Frances Dubner served as a consultant to a HEAP conference in Atlanta, Georgia on December 1.

Mrs. Dubner, a Speech and Junior English teacher, was selected as a consultant because of her background and experience. Her function was advising teachers on problems related to communications.

The conference was sponsored by HEAP--Higher Education Achievement Program-- a federally funded Education Improvement Program run by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. This conference was attended by representatives from approximately 30 junior and community colleges. Mrs. Dubner felt that the conference was a valuable experience for all who attended.

MARKETING



Students of Marketing I and II had the pleasure of doing research surveys for Gilbert Youth Research Company, a leading research company in New York.

The surveys proved to be fun as well as profitable. Money received from the candy sales will be used for club activities. Thanks are extended to the student body for their cooperation with the surveys.

Since the Marketing classes candy sales were so successful, another sales campaign is planned for later in the year.

Robert L. Boren

Band Presents Winter Concert

Mu Alpha Theta Members Selected

Thursday night, December 7, the J-C-M band proudly presented its first Winter Concert in the West Campus auditorium.

As Christmas is drawing nearer each day, the program included such timely selections as "Christmas Music for Winds," and "Christmas Festival." Sprightly marches, "The RAF March" and "March Militaire," and the contemporaries "Sounds from Three Dog Night," "Morning Has Broken," and "Outa-Space" were also featured.

The fine production was conducted by band director, Bill Watson.

Mu Alpha Theta, J.C.M.'s honorary math club, conducted the initiation of new members Monday, November 13, in the West Campus Cafeteria.

The program consisted of performances by the Mu Alpha Theta Choir, various proofs of difficult math problems, and a banana-eating contest.

The new members are Betsy Edmonson, Bobby Wells, Jerry Dubner, John Murphy, David Harris, Elsie Cook, Jerry Crise, Reece Dike, Linda Ewing, Chuck Holcomb, David Walker, Mike Hewitt, Kippy Miller, Nancy Warlick, Alma Pentecost, and Earl Williamson.

Others initiated were Ava Leathers, Reta Moten, Ann Martin, Lou Ellen Riley, Mike Bohleber, Molly Wagster, Fran Vandell, Regina Wilkins, Kathy Webb, Nancy Miller, Carol Huffman, Mark Owens, Anne Cullen, Beth Middleton, Stan Berry, Bill Talioferro, Gregory Wendel Brown, and Millicent Nelson.

After the program, the group enjoyed refreshments.

Mr. Donald Newman is the club sponsor.
Kathy Naylor

Thespian Pledge Initiation

Having fun, being teased and frustrated, enjoying life. These are the things that have most pre-occupied Thespian Pledges the past month.

Soon to be initiated in the first pledge class for this year are pledges Patricia Adams, Chris Wagner, Kenneth Wallace, Patsy Heidelberg, Teresa Briley. Others are Barbara Marchbanks, Pat Currie Charlotte Gaither, Wanda Rogers, and Kathy Webb.

During "Silly Week" pledges were really frantic writing hilarious themes assigned by their big brothers and sisters, getting signatures scribbled on ping pong balls, and finding that everlasting Character Tommy Johnson kept them very busy. It was overheard that this week was "murder."

Sandra Manuel is pledgemistress, Kenneth Adcock is pledgemaster, and Mrs. Dubner, and Mr. Haney are sponsors of the Thespian Society.

Work Marches On

After a vigorous marching season of numerous performances and contests, the JC-M band has settled to the slower (but just as grueling) pace of the concert season.

Besides marching in Jackson's Annual Christmas Parade on December 2, the band staged a Winter Concert Thursday, December 7. Some of the numbers played included selections from Three Dog Night, "Morning Has Broken," "The RAF March", and three Christmas numbers.

Many band members are preparing for the all-state, All-West Tennessee Band tryouts to be held at Lambuth College Saturday, December 16. This contest is one of the most important events of the year for individual band members all over the state. Students are chosen strictly by their musical aptitude and ability to play their instrument. Competition is stiff and any student who makes this band has achieved musically.

On December 4 three band members, Patti Kirk, William Jarmon and Janet Gascoinge went to Murray, Kentucky, to participate in the 25th Annual Quad-State Band.

Students are selected from the top players of entering bands in Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, and Tennessee. Only a certain percentage of those names entered are chosen. The three students began rehearsing with the Quad-State band December 4 in Murray at 8:45 a.m. and gave a concert that evening in the University Auditorium.

The stage band is composed of about 20 students.



FLEA MARKET

"SUPERBOWL" Toilet Seat and Cover. Yes!
You can have your very own special reminder
of the greatest football game of the year.
Ellis Plumbing Company

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weight and grossly lacking in sex appeal?
Well, if they treated you like "one of the
boys" the last time you went skinny dipping,
then you need us. Under our personal care
and guidance you can get that Raquel Welch
figure in no time. After you match figures
with her, you can just take your check book
and try to match the figures we put on your
bill.

The Ellis Better Physique
club

Now Showing: "Adventures of Johnny"
Come see this new comedy flick now! Come
see 11 year-old millionaire Johnny as he
gets fed up with his banker. This is
another one of those true-to-life adventure
stories. Starring in the show will be the
producer's son and sponsor's father. Based
on a nothing plot, the show is being filmed
under an assumed name -as cheaply as possible.
Many Gross movies

Also Showing: "I Found An 8-Course Dinner
...In My Hair!" Starring-Joe Cocker.
Plus: Horror Tale-"A Dog Smelled My Sneakers
...And Died!" Starring Kareem Abdul Jabber.
Ellis Theaters

"How I got cleaner, whiter teeth in just
three weeks." As told by Ralph the Hound
dog. "I had dingy teeth, and doggy breath.
Nobody kissed me twice. Even my best friend
wouldn't tell me why. But then I found
Milk-Bone Dog Biscuits. And now my breath
is almost human again."

Ellis Dog Biscuit Co. of
America

Students Resist Temptations

The CENTRAL STUDENT PRESS would like
to commend Steve Dubner, Harold Bailey,
and Linda Clark for their honesty in
turning in lost articles to the offices.

Steve's find was a ring and Harold's
find was contact lenses. Linda's treasure
appeared as a \$20 bill. The latter, more
than the others, presented the greatest
temptation.

For those students and teachers who
absent-mindedly forget to turn off their
car lights, Hugh Benton is to be commended.
Thanks to him, many batteries have been
saved.

Engineers Still in Demand

Contrary to the belief of many,
engineering is still one of the most
rewarding careers a person may pursue.

New graduates are the primary
source of new engineers, but for many
years graduates have not fully met the
need. This has allowed less well-trained
workers to secure the jobs. These persons
include workers who shift occupations,
immigrants, and college graduates who
did not major in engineering.

A bachelor's degree generally is
required for entry positions as an
engineer. However, some persons become
engineers after long experience in a
related occupation, such as draftsman or
engineering technician, plus some college
level training. But degrees are necess-
ary. In some engineering specialities,
such as nuclear engineering, training is
generally available only at the grad-
uate level.

In 1971, a beginning engineer
earned an average of \$10,677, while
a top grade engineer earned \$26,736.
This is an increase of 4.6% and 5.3%
respectively over 1970.

In 1969, about 41,000 bachelor's degrees
were granted in engineering. U.S.
Office of Education predicts that
for the 1968-1980 period, there will be
an increase of only 1,000 degrees above
the 1969 level. To meet the need the
number of bachelor degrees granted will
have to increase 10% or 4,000 above the
1969 level.

Could this be for you?

OPINION



AN OPEN FORUM FOR RESPONSIBLE OPPOSING VIEWS CONCERNING
THE SCHOOL BY THOSE INVOLVED WITH THE SCHOOL...

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

It bothers me to see how many people have forgotten the true meaning of Christmas. It is Christ's birthday and a time of giving with your heart not just because you received a gift and you feel obligated to give a gift back. Sure it's great to give gifts to friends and loved ones, but let's not forget to give thanks to God for giving His Son.

This is the time of year when you see advertisement of toys to give for Christmas. You rarely see a commercial on giving love as a gift.

So this Christmas open your heart for the true meaning of Christmas and not for the sake of giving.

Wanda Rogers

BAND

Do you realize there is an organization at our school that some students are not aware of?

The participants in the organization have invested up to six years of hard work and practiced till it hurt. No, it's not the French Club or the National Honor Society. It's the band!

To be in the band takes not only hard study but dedication. Many people have been through the hard study but given up because they didn't have the dedication. Our school of 1,500 has only 67 in band. Many other schools have half our enrollment and twice as many.

I'm not suggesting that you run out and learn to play trombone in six easy lessons but what our band could use a lot more than another trombone is your support and enthusiasm.

We're just as important as the football team, but they didn't get enough support either. Playing in the band is as exhausting and gratifying as making touchdowns

So let's see some support for your band!

Patti Kirk

HUMAN KINDNESS

I am beginning to think "human kindness" has been forgotten in our school. People need to treat other people like humans, instead of animals. Would you like it if someone kept you chained in the backyard? In a sense that is what our life is coming to. People don't want to stop and listen to our opinions or problems. They don't care what happens. But then they say we are lazy and don't want to do anything. How can we if we don't know what to do? Then when we do try something, they say we're doing it wrong or it won't work. Well, I'm glad someone has listened to me and I hope more of you will try to care more about your friend than yourself.

Patty Giles

TEACHERS THAT CLICK

JCM has some real neat teachers—teachers that really click with the students.

For instance, Mrs. Phillips, Typing II teacher, is really kind to students who forget to sign their names on their paper. She attempts to determine the owner of the paper, and students eager to earn an extra grade often claim the work.

Mr. Simon, teacher of American History, has a really swinging class. Students can communicate with him.

Mrs. Johnson, English teacher, should get an award for her open book test. Students really have a difficult time seeking the correct answer.

In my opinion all of these teachers make life a little more bearable.

Debbie King

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Clubs

FHA

Monday, November 27 at 5:00 p.m. members of the FHA met at the Jackson Utilities Department.

Upon arrival they were greeted with a surprise by Mrs. Clayton, a home economist with the Utilities Department. She had for their entertainment a Christmas program.

One objective of the program was to present new ideas for selecting gifts, decorating, and working with Christmas crafts. It was learned that craft making is actually lots of fun, easy, and a lot more economical than buying gifts. Mrs. Clayton also presented each member and advisor Christmas recipe booklets and booklets telling how to make items on display.

Following this informative entertainment, business was discussed. One special project will be the collecting of labels from Welch Ade, Captain Crunch Cereal, Clarks Gum, Royal Pudding and Jello Gelatin, Willy Wonka Candy, and Premium Swift hot dogs. These labels will be sent to help the needy children

Teresa Carter

LIBRARY

The Library Club held its second meeting of the year on December 6 after school. Plans for activities during the upcoming Christmas holidays were discussed.

The Library has received new books for the reading enjoyment of the students.

Members and sponsors of the club are anticipating a rewarding year.

Marlin Weddle

PEP CLUB

Pep Club began the basketball season by selling pom pom's for 20¢ each. Pep Club buttons are being sold to the members.

Our team needs the support of the Pep Club, Pep Club needs the support of the Students and the students need the Pep Club.

UPWARD BOUND

A new club has been formed at J.C.M. The purpose of the Upward Bound Club is to help students realize their full academic potential. The club was started by twelve J.C.M. students who participate in the larger Upward Bound program on the Lane College Campus.

The Club officers are Randy Randolph and Sherrill Berry, co-presidents; secretary, Janice Jordan; treasurer, Jerry Hill; and reporter, Nathan Pride. Other members of the Club are Adrian Blackwell, Kirby Dunlap, Shirley Palmer, Robert Kelly, Michael Merriweather, Fred Cawthorn, and Jeffrey Butler. The Club's sponsor is Mrs. Frances Dubner. The Upward Bound Club meets Wednesday mornings before school in Mrs. Dubner's room. At this time they discuss and try to further the cultural and academic goals of Upward Bound. J.C.M. students interested in the program are encouraged to talk to club members about joining the program.

FTA

Several new members were introduced into FTA at the meeting on November 15, 1972.

Projects for the coming year were discussed. One project discussed was the activity that seniors and possibly juniors be permitted to spend one day with a teacher in the field in which they feel they may be interested in. The second was Teacher Appreciation Day in the spring. This consists of furnishing refreshments in the teachers lounges. Other projects are in view.

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month in Mrs. Mahaffy's room.

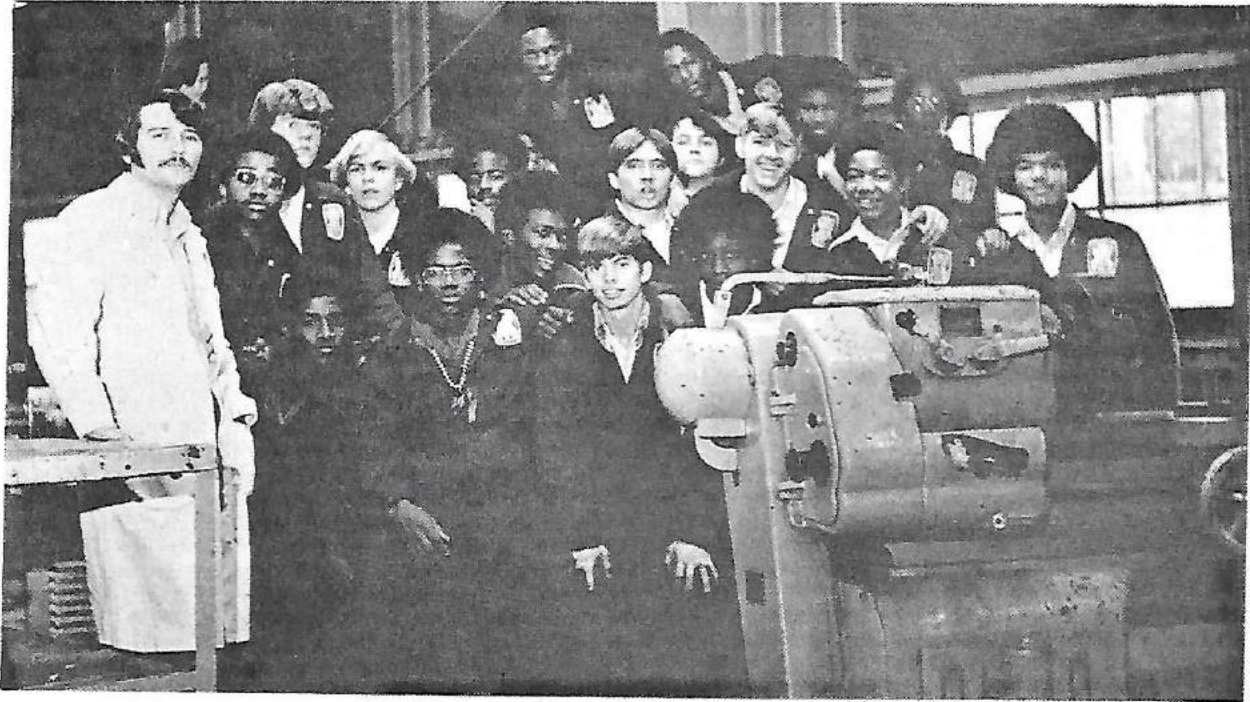
SPANISH

Spanish Club members gathered Wednesday afternoon, November 15.

After the program plans were made for future meetings, the members watched a movie about Spain.

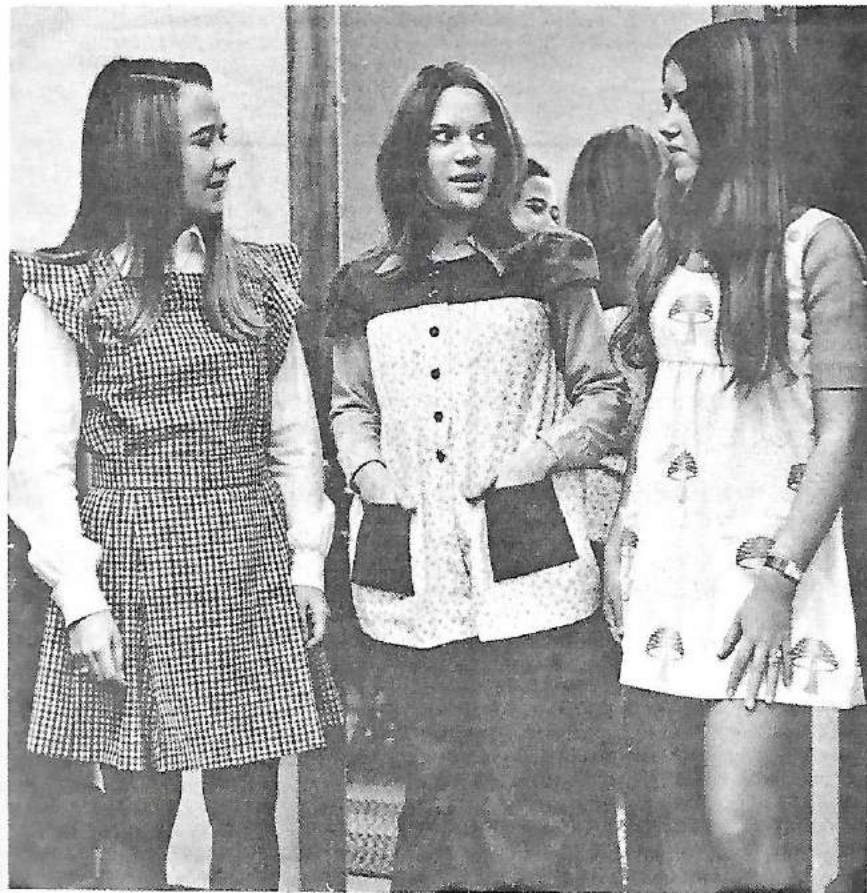
classes

METAL SHOP I



New uniforms bearing the Red, White, and yellow, VICA emblem were purchased recently by members of Metal Shop I class. The emblem accents blue coveralls.

Mr. Keith ordered these uniforms last October from the Balfour Supply Company in Rockford, Illinois.



HOME ECONOMICS

Home Economics students are currently studying a Unit on clothing construction. Left are students modeling outfits made by each girl.

Marilyn Mestan's jumper of red, white, and blue seer-sucker has pockets, V-yokes, and ruffle sleeves. A belt, joined in the back with buttons, accents the waistline.

A blur-flowered flannel smock accented with a navy denim yoke is modeled by Beck Wagner. The pockets and sleeves are also of the navy denim.

A jumper made of fabric embroidered with mushroom designs is worn by Debbie Keas. The outfit is further accented by an empire waist line with a full skirt.

SPEECH STUDENTS ATTEND TOURNAMENT

Teresa Briley, a JCM junior, won the Voice of Democracy speech contest in school competition, Wednesday, Dec. 5. Teresa will now represent JCM in the Jackson Jackson-Madison County contest in January which will include contestants from Beech Bluff, South Side, North Side, West High, and Old Hickory. Following this contest will be district, state, and national contests.

This annual contest is sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW in cooperation with the National Association of Broadcasters and the State Association of Broadcasters.

Other students competing in the JCM contest were Patsy Heidelberg, Anne Thomas, and Lenella Schneider. The judges for the event were Mrs. Pat Little and Miss Wanda Rogers.



GUEST SPEAKER GIVES

DECORATION HINTS

Miss Judy Cloud, Assistant Extension Agent, was a guest speaker in Mrs. Kirton's and Mrs. Lucas' Home Economics II and III classes.

Miss Cloud presented an interesting talk on how to make inexpensive but very attractive Christmas decorations.

Open house was held on December 8, by Mrs. Kirton's and Mrs. Lucas' classes. Parents were given a tour of the Home Economics department.

Debbie Holmes

STUDENTS ASK SANTA FOR IMPOSSIBLE?

As the Christmas sprit captures the soul of the students, they begin asking for little odds and ends for Christmas.

- T. Carter-"Joey Blackmon"
- C. Weber-"Luggage to go to Bethel College"
- R. Dougherty-"My own phone"
- J. Davis-"Minorbird"
- C. Lipsey-"To keep my rabbit"
- M. Orzechowski-"School out forever"
- W. Clemons-"Pass Mrs. Boatwright's geometry test!"
- S. Stanfield "To go to Italy in the Spring"
- B. Wells" A banana split"
- J. Cole-"Typewriter"
- J. Powell-"A permanent drivers license so I won't get it revoked"
- M. Weddle-"Mr. Green Doll"
- R. Stegall-"To hit the punch board out at Ottos"
- M. Barbour-"J.S."
- J. Friend-"Me and Pam from then on together forever"
- C. Orr-"My front tooth"
- R. Price-"Ken to come home from Kentucky"
- L. Poerisch-"A Singleton"
- S. Long-"Get out of school"
- C. Moss-"Superfly to be my man"
- J. Giffen-"1 pound of gold"
- W.J. Harrison-"1 week date with Jermaine Jackson"
- K. Leech-"B.D. to be my Pard"
- J.T.-"New chemistry teacher"
- K. Bruce-"One way ticket out of Jackson"
- J. Douglass-"More school spirit for this school"
- T. Cashon-"Steve Elam"
- M. Bell-"A victorious basketball team and at least 4 more years with Richard"
- A. Norwood-"Eddie to get well"
- L. Teague-"Bigger back seat"
- B. Dickens-"Happy marriage and all that goes with it"
- S. Cowan-"Radio that plays something besides static"
- B.Marshbanks-"a boyfriend and my long hair back."
- D. Young-"To do my own thing"
- V. Hill-"My fro to grow longer"
- W. Parker-"Mrs. Determeyer and Mrs. Pate and some new dogs for Veinon."
- C. Watkins-"Brougham Cadillac"
- M. Newbern-"B in Algebra II"
- K. Miller-"To graduate a year early, at Christmas"
- D. Frahn-"Bob Roedeishernice"

Dear Santa

We, the students of JCM, are sincerely troubled about the teachers at Christmas time. Santa, they have been good little teachers (most of the time) so please remember them and bring the "precious darlings" the following:

Mrs. Mahaffey-a ticket for a late night snack at Leonard's.

Mrs. Finney-more picture money.

Mrs. Dubner-a second debate team.

Mrs. Robertson-pencil, pen, ruler. Also a new car with a door missing.

Mr. Bratcher- a pack of cigarettes confiscated from a student crossing campus.

Mrs. Determeyer-an autographed 8 x 10 of Sylvia Porter.

Mrs. F. Johnson-a ticket to a place she's never been. (Bemis Bag Company)

Mr. Miner-plastic mirrors for his house.

Mr. Matthews-a rat to eat up his cheese.

Mr. Neilson-a muscle shirt.

Mr. Moore-a dictionary with "Sonny Boy."

Mrs. Henderson-snow

Mr. Allen-a broken pair of glasses and record "I can see clearly now."

Mrs. Williams-a temper.

Mrs. Cagle-a gold copy of RED BADGE OF COURAGE.

Mr. Bland-the role of "Tarzan."

Mr. Hicks-a fern tree.

Coach Ross-a new pair of shorts.

Mr. Bethel-elevator shoes.

Mrs. Little-a room in the English Department.

Mr. Green-a chair to observe campus crossing.

Mrs. Haynes-five good English classes.

Mr. Thurmond-voice lessons.

Mr. Haney-unused stage for Variety Show.

Mr. Simon-a new shoe color.

Mr. Davenport-long flares and a bright shirt.

Mr. Adams-hair cut.

Mr. Petty-free coupon to S-J store.

Mrs. Pate-course in mouth control.

Mrs. Southern-some printing materials.

Miss Rogers-permanent resident in the English Department.

Mr. Fann-pre-recorded Boo.

Mr. Oman-a new state tournament team.



CALENDAR

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| DEC. | |
| 15 | Basketball-Savannah Central-There |
| 16 | Jackson Ballet Arts-Lambuth Theater-8 p.m. |
| 20 | Planetarium Program, "The Star of Bethlehem" 7:30 p.m.-Lambuth |
| 21 | Basketball-Milan High-Here |
| 27-28 | Basketball-Holiday Classic-Jackson Coliseum |
| JAN. | |
| 2 | Basketball-Chester Co.-There |
| 5 | Basketball-North Side-Here Art Film Series-"The Pawnbroker" Lambuth College-7:30 p.m. |
| 12 | Basketball-Obion Central-There |
| 13 | Basketball- West High-Here |
| 16 | Basketball-McNary Central-Here |
| 19 | Basketball-Humboldt High-Here |
| 23 | Basketball-Peabody High-There |
| 26 | Basketball-Milan High-There |
| 30 | Basketball-Dyersburg High- Here |
| FEB. | |
| 1 | King Lear Shakespeare-Lane College JCM East Campus Auditorium-8 p.m. |
| 2 | Basketball-South Side-There |
| 6 | Basketball-Bolivar-There |

Poetry

LIFE

A baby born in this old lonesome world,
So gentle, loving, kind, and full of joy.
Will be a charming, tidy little girl,
Or maybe strong and handsome as a boy.

A baby journeys till he finds the place,
The place society has planned to give.
He works and slaves so hard to win the race,
For wealth and happiness content to live.

A baby's end is due to come someday,
He may prepare for it to come or wait.
And pray and hope that he can make a way,
To die and not be bothered with his fate.

For there is something all of us well know,
We're born to live so we can someday go.

Linda Ewing

THE BIG WHITE BLOB

I was walking home from the show one night,
A soul I could not see.
But a big white blob with scary eyes,
Coming toward me!

At first I thought I was seeing things,
But then, it dawned on me.
That the big white blob with scary eyes,
Was gonna kidnap me.

I turned around and ran and ran,
And ran and ran and ran.
Into the house, beside the stove
Behind the garbage can.

I peaked behind the can
To find what I could see,
Nothing but the big white blob
Looking toward me.

I stayed behind that can all night,
Didn't even take a peep.
When I awoke the next morning
I had been dreaming in my sleep.

Debora Key

POLLUTION

The air was always fresh and clean;
The rivers were so clear.
No smoggy cities could be seen;
No deafening noise you'd hear.

Then progress came, with all its haste.
It brought pollution here.
The factory's noise and smoke and waste,
For our environment dear.

They drained their waste into our streams,
Their smoke into our air.
Will air and streams once more be clean?
Or don't the people care?

The fishes song is almost sung,
They're dead, or soon will be.
The grime-filled air attacks our lungs;
Our reddened eyes can't see.

Air will be pure again some day
And rivers will be clear;
The smoggy cities will be gone
No deafening noise you'll hear.

Kathy Webb

FALL BEARS BEAUTY

Fall is a time of beauty,
That is pleasing to every eye.
Fall is a time of vivid color,
That blends with the blue of the sky.

Fall is a time when the breezes blow,
And the leaves begin to fly.
Fall is a time when the birds cease to sing,
And begin their flights through the sky.

Fall is a time that has beauty to share,
It fills the air with love.
Even when the days are dreary in fall,
You could probably hear the coo of a dove.

Fall is a time when the weather varies,
From the rain to the warmth of the sun.
Small creatures of earth prepare for the winter
Never stopping until their work is done.

Fall is the gift that God has given,
To this world of men below.
Fall is the lease that man has obtained,
Whose beauty will forever flow.

Paula Dickey

Art Students Develop Creativity

Reta Randolph, an Art II student did this print of a mother and child. Pieces of innertube were glued to cardboard and then inked. Prints were then made.

All art classes are studying making prints from linoleum blocks, silk screen, etching, and lithograph.





HEAVY CREAM

Heavy Cream features all of Cream's best songs. Included in the 26 song double album are "White Room," "Sunshine of Your Love" and "I'm So Glad." With a multitude of albums by Cream, including Best of Cream, one may wonder which is most representative of the group's work. I choose Heavy Cream because in addition to Cream's greatest hits powerful numbers such as "Spoonful" and "Badge" are included.

Cream (Eric Clapton, Jack Bruce, Ginger Baker) disbanded in 1970. Until recently their musical genius had been largely overlooked. The release of Heavy Cream (part of a four album series including albums by the individual members) is recognition of that genius. Cream was an innovative group and was the strongest rock group of its time. Heavy Cream is evidence of that and is an album any hard rock fan would enjoy.

JOE COCKER

EXTRA: The Rotating Rocker hits the comeback trail. After a lull of about two years, Joe Cocker, English blues singer, is back on the music scene. In addition to his recent concert tour (which included Memphis) Cocker has released a new album.

Joe Cocker (the album) is, for the most part, typical of Cocker's past performances. Several important changes have occurred, though. On this album, he is backed by the Chris Stainton Band and the Sanctified Sisters, extremely capable musicians. Previously, Cocker sang with a constantly changing variety of celebrities such as Jimmy Page, Leon Russell, and Steve Winwood. The use of a stable, reliable backup band high-lights rather than over-shadows Cocker's vocals.

Cocker has changed his style for the better by controlling his throaty voice. In the past his vocals have at times died in savage whines. This doesn't happen on Joe Cocker. In addition, Cocker co-authored six of the nine songs on the album. This, too, improves his performance significantly. Joe Cocker includes several hits, such as "Midnight Rider," "Black-Eyed Blues" and "High Time We Went." Joe Cocker is a surprisingly good album, better than Cocker's previous efforts. This album is a huge step forward on Joe Cocker's come back trail.



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BASKETBALL

Basketball fans, basketball season is here again! The Cougars, as usual, have opened successfully.

Last year attendance at Cougar home games was dismal, but this should be the year Central students come alive as fans. What can be used for excuses this year? The basketball teams have shown they are worthy of support. Until now, there were always the "pro-Jackson", "pro-Merry High" factions. This is no longer a valid excuse, because this year's seniors entered JCM as sophomores.

JC-M also has the dean of West Tennessee coaches at JCM - Tury Oman. This alone should increase support for the teams.

JC-M's Cougars are ready, willing, and able to be a good team, but any team needs adequate fan support.

You've been warned! If you miss out on seeing the Cougars, blame yourself.

William Haynes

STOP

As you run around in this high paced society, have you ever stopped to get to know yourself, your friends, even God. A lot of times we sometimes are so blinded by our own personal desires, we don't care who we hurt to achieve them.

It's about time we stop and evaluate ourselves. Are we really the people we claim to be? If we would only observe some Christian morals in our everyday living, a great change could be seen in the whole of us. What we need most is some pure love and concern for each other. No matter how a person appears to be, he has his true person inside, which can only be seen through the eyes of love.

So instead of cursing, beating, and threatening your brother, try a little love.

You might even like it, not to mention your friend.

Jimmy Wilkins



Dear C.A.T.

What do you think of people who drink?

Curious

Dear Curious,

I have nothing against people who drink. The body could not function without liquids. Liquids flush the impurities from the system.

Dear C.A.T.,

I am a senior and I have a problem. A sophomore is chasing me and wants to get serious. What should I do? I like him as a person, but I don't want to get serious like he does.

Older Women

Dear Older,

You really answered your own question. Just tell him how you feel in a nice way. As far as the age difference is concerned, maturity is more important than his age in years.

Dear C.A.T.,

I think I'm in love with this guy I met a few weeks ago. He's really great except for one thing that bothers me just a little. He is constantly picking his nose.

Not Picky

Dear Not,

You must not be! Of all the boys running around here, you get a nose picker! Oh well, if you really love him that disgusting habit shouldn't bother you that much. Just consider his good points (if he has any) and try to overlook the bad ones.

Dear C.A.T.,

I really have a crush on one of my teachers. I want to ask her out but I don't know if I should. Help!

Lab Lover

Dear Lab,

You haven't told me how old she is, how old you are, how she acts toward you, or anything else of importance. Use your own judgement, but I advise waiting a while. She may be married.

Dear C.A.T.,

I need help. I have a problem. Two guys say they love me but I just don't care for either one of them. What should I do?

Troubled

Dear Troubled,

You shouldn't be "troubled." Great day - you don't even have the problem! The two dudes who are in love w'ith you have the problem! If you don't like either one of them, just tell them to buzz off. By the way, if they become to depressed after being rejected, you might refer them to me! (I'm always available!)

Dear C.A.T.,

I was just wondering what C.A.T. stands for?

Inquisitive

Dear Inquisitive,

When the CSP was just organized, C.A.T. was one of the first columns set up. C.A.T. stood for Communication Any Time. However, since the original writer is no longer attending J.C.M. and I have taken over as C.A.T. I want to change the meaning of C.A.T.

I believe that C.A.T. should stand for something like Catastrophes Abolished Temporarily, Chubby Abdomens Thinned, Can't Attract Teens, or Crazy About Taverns. All this boils down to is that I can solve almost any problem you might have.



Student Profiles

ANN RUSSELL

FAVORITES

car: Mach I
color: blue
possession: radio
food: pizza
sport: football and basketball
activity: skating
past time: summer activities
hobby: sewing
song: "I Can See Clearly Now"
teacher: Mr. Haney
person: undecided
season: summer
subject: math
PET PEEVE: back stabbers
BIRTHDAY: December 11

LARRY HILL

FAVORITES

car: Mach I
color: black
possession: black goddess poster
food: tacos
sport: basketball
activity: parties
past time: singing
hobby: drawing
song: "Me and Mrs. Jones"
teacher: Mrs. Henderson
person: Debra Ragland
season: summer
subject: art
PET PEEVE: popping of gum
BIRTHDAY: August 15

ANITA BOEHMS

FAVORITES

car: Torino
color: orange
possession: Cecin Beagle and two certain necklaces
food: steak and anything chocolate
sport: football
activity: basketball
pastime: going places with friends
hobby: drawing
song: "Lean on Me"
teacher: Mrs. Finney
person: Scott Langdon
season: summer
subject: Biology
PET PEEVE: When the radio fades out just when a good song comes on.
BIRTHDAY: November 20

SANDRA BROOKS

FAVORITES

car: Camaro Z-28
color: orange
possession: my room
food: spaghetti
sport: football & basketball
activity: DBS
pastime: talking
hobby: riding horses & motorcycles
song: "Stoned in Love With You"
teacher: Mrs. Hicks
person: Johnny
season: summer
subject: P. E.
PET PEEVE: Snobby people
BIRTHDAY: August 18.

TED MAXWELL

Favorites

car: Datsun 240Z
color: green
possession: Jr. High track letter
food: salami pizza
sport: football
activity: bike riding
past time: T.V.
hobby: girl watching
song: "United We Stand, Divided We Fall"
teacher: Mr. Oman
person: my parents
season: fall
subject: speech

Pet Peeve: exams
Birthday: June 15

PAUL PRIDDY

FAVORITES

car: Porshe 911
color: blue
possession: guitar
food: hamburger
sport: football
activity: driving car
pastime: feeding the ducks at Jackson State
hobby: sound effects
song: "Never Been to Spain"
Teacher: Mrs. Mahaffey
person: Sandra McGnat
season: fall
subject: Phys. Ed.
PET PEEVE: Bragging
BIRTHDAY: February 24



Cougars Begin Victoriously

The colorful Cougars began the new basketball season November 17. Opposition is tough but team spirit has grown with each win.

The team includes 15 A-squad members and 10 B-squad members. Plans are being made to dress 10 in the tournaments.

Lettermen of the season are James Vinson, Macon Hunt, Howard Stevenson, Sonny Butler, Joe Johnson, Maurice Farr, Billy Hudson, Freddie Donnell, and Marlon Lanier. Tenth grade prospects include Malcon McKinney, Mike Fowler, Dwain Perry, Terry Neal, and John Kilzer who will be seeing a lot of action this year.

Heading the 25 victorious players is Coach Tury Oman. Assisting with the team are Tommy Allen, John Pechonick and Red Matthews.

Let's all truck on out to the JCM ballgames. If you don't cheer the team to victory, it won't get done!



Mysterious Cougar Appears to Cheer

On Friday night December 1, a mysterious cougar in a green and gold cougar outfit walked in to participate in the Mighty Cougars first home basketball game. Walking in with the cheerleaders the cougar began cheering the team to victory.

The cougar looked awkward trying to do the same steps as the cheerleaders. Members of the cheerleading squad, the Pep Club, JCM students, and citizens of Jackson were eager to reveal his identity. Was it a student at JCM or was it one of the Mighty Cougars enemies hidden in the outfit? Whatever the case, the concerned and sports-interested students of JCM are seeking the identification of the cougar. Any clues should be reported to the student body immediately.

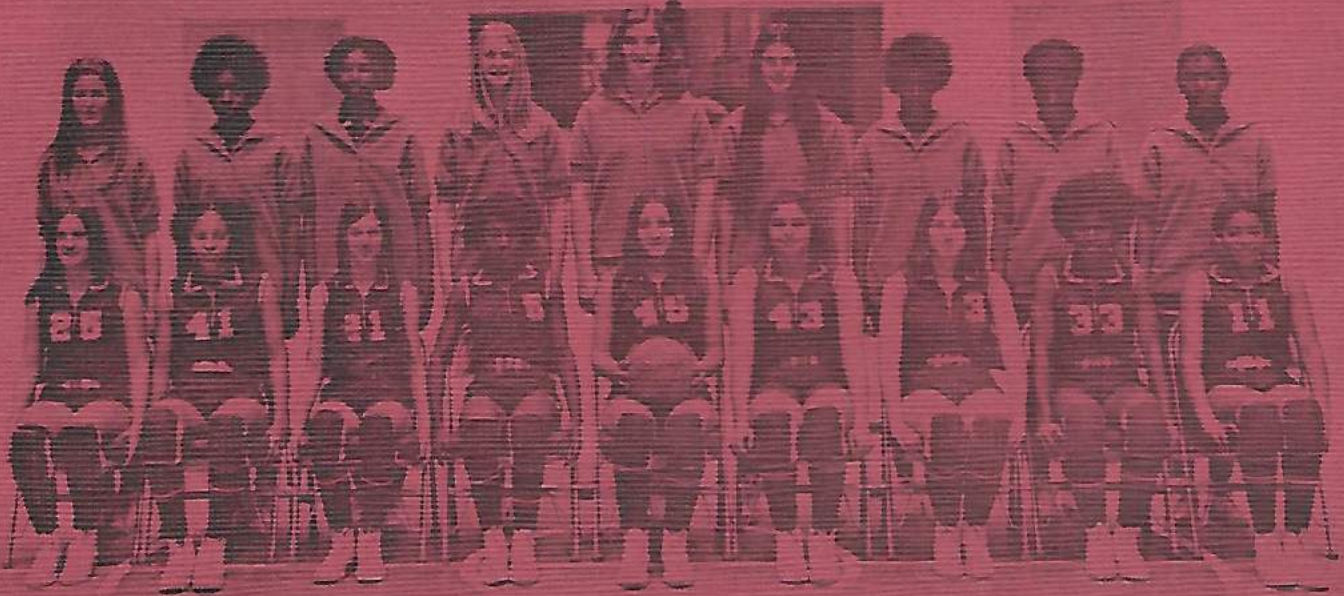


As a new basketball season began, so did a new group of cheerleaders. High spirited and ready for action the basketball cheerleaders started practice November 1. The cheerleaders are Barbara Blythe, Elsie Cooke, Cathey Johnson, Kay Lorentz, Mary Tetley, Rita Davis, Bessie Foster and Melanie Melton.

These girls practice two days a week for an hour. The sponsors observe after school practices, and give suggestions for improvements.

Everyone is urged to attend the games and support the team. The cheerleaders work hard but can't do it all.

LADY COUGARS



Spirit Excels For Lady Cougars

Spirit is high for the Lady Cougars. Enthusiasm is growing rapidly as the Cougars take to the court with this year's line-up.

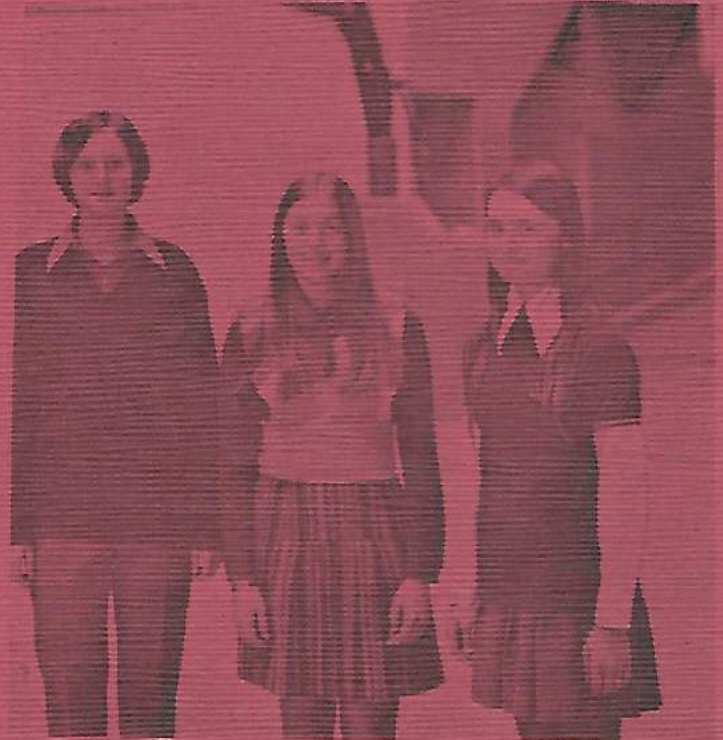
Starting players for the team include Brenda Pirtle (f), Connie Forbis (f), Maxine Copeland (f), Ginny Conger (g), Mavis Werthing (g), and Lucinda Maxwell (g).

Backups who will be seeing a lot of action this year are Connie Allen, Ava Leathers, Fatina Phelps, Beaney Harrison, Corene Williamson, Cynthia Grimes, and Carol Huffman and Mary Day.

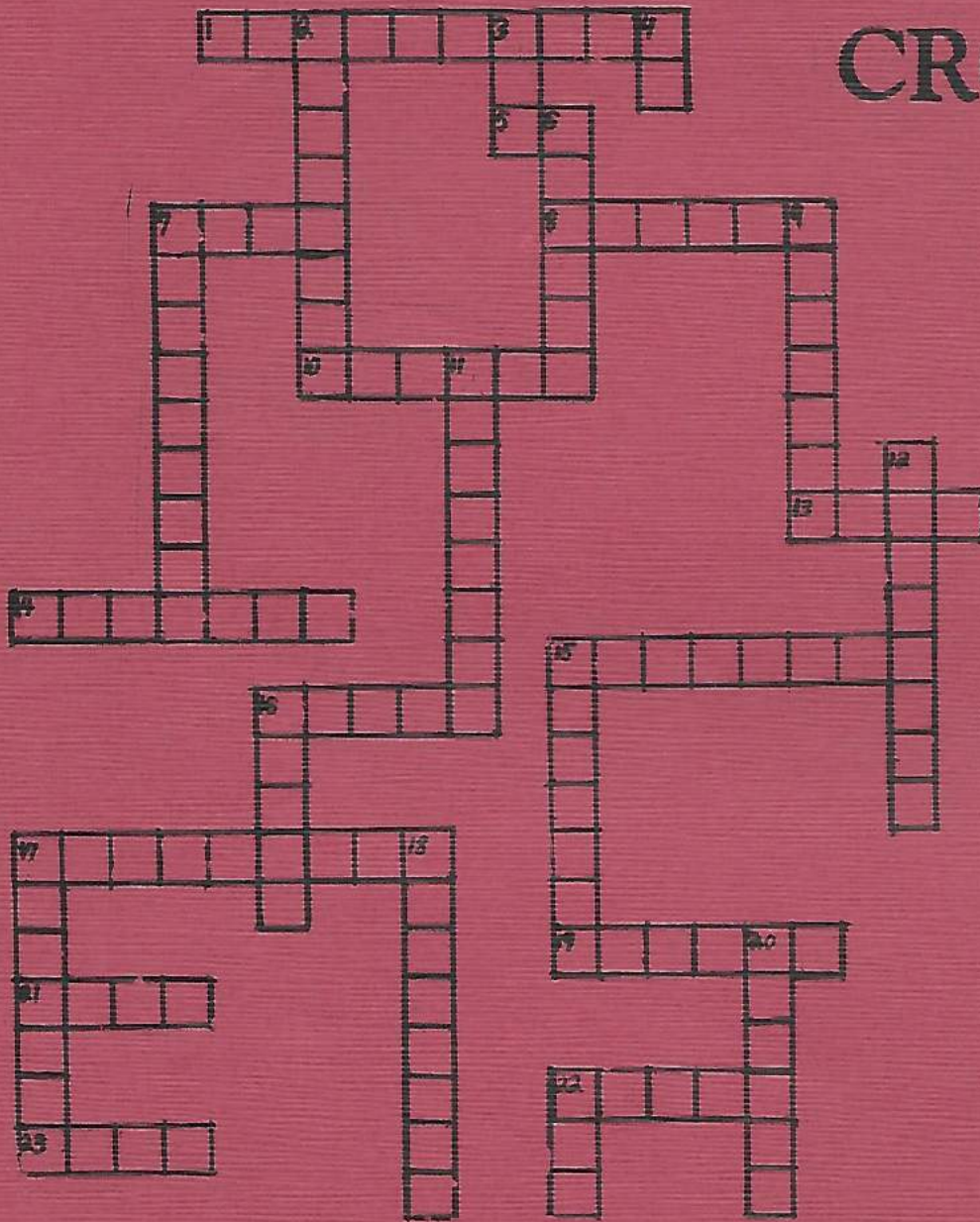
This spirited team has been developed by three fine coaches: Tury Oman, head coach; and Tommy Allen, and John Pechonick, assistant coaches.

The Lady Cougars are optimistic at winning the 1973 state championship, but support is needed from the student body. So, trip out everyone, and help these cats win.

MANAGERS



CROSSWORD PUZZLE



DOWN

2. General Business, Shorthand, and typing teacher
3. No. of points for goal in Basketball
4. Opposite of yes
6. Upward Bound Sponsor
7. Team played in First home game
9. Places where books and magazines are kept
11. American History teacher and Baseball coach
12. State from where the metal shop uniforms came
15. Football homecoming queen
16. "Give me Liberty, or give me _____."
17. Jackson-_____Merry
18. Journalism teacher and CSP sponsor
20. West campus study hall teacher
22. Color of brick trim around crosswalk

ACROSS

1. Name of Statue in Center of campus
5. Olson Dullisberg (initials)
7. NHS sponsor
8. East campus study hall teacher.
10. Ann Russell's favorite season
12. Another name for the Christmas season
14. President of NHS
15. Democratic loser in Presidential Election
16. Senior class president
17. Merry _____
19. Fall from the trees in Autumn
21. Object Christmas presents are placed under
22. Street spanned by crosswalk
23. College nearest East Campus