



Variety Show Success

Libby Perry and forty of her talented JC-M friends and guests presented the second annual JC-M variety show in the West Campus Auditorium, Monday night, January 15. These students are to be commended for the very professional manner in which they presented the show. A wide variety of talent was represented including songs, ranging from pop to the more traditional; dancing, acrobatics, mime, and guitar solos.

After a warm welcome by Kathy Naylor, last year's star Tom Counce, opened the show with two songs. Libby Perry then entered the stage and performed a jazz dance.

Three former Southside students returned to the JC-M stage this year and sang a variety of songs throughout the performance.

Professional actor and former Jackson High graduate, David Pyron, performed in several areas. He and Libby Perry danced a memory arousing rendition of the Charleston. Through songs, he and Pat Adams, delightfully entertained the audience with their interpretation of "If You Could See Her Through My Eyes."

Guest classical guitarist, Rick Pruett from Hillcrest High School in Memphis, displayed professionalism after accompanying Mary Ann Murphy, as he looked around and waited for silence before beginning his solo medley.

Talented Joyce Roland surprised many students with her acrobatic and dance ability.

Festive gaiety was evident when 16 Thespian members vivaciously amused the audience with the Mexican Hat Dance. Keith Davis and Sabrina Deberry lead the spirited dancers. While Kathy Naylor, Jim Sipes, Jimmie Ruth Trice, Franchot Neilson and Pat Adams joined in. Other artists included Buford Hurst, Chris Wagner, Steve Dubner, Patsy Heidelberg, Charlotte Gaither, Deborah Dudley and Rick Randall.

Deborah Dudley's voice rang through the audience, despite ~~Mike~~ failure; and Barbara Williams' gospel rendition of "He Cares" delighted the onlookers.

The evening would not have been complete without the Soul Train Gang lead by Ollie Akins. Geraldine Fuller, Debra Key, Franchot Neilson, and Jimmie Ruth Trice, and Joe Wallace. in filling the train with complete soul.

The show kept moving along through the wonderful performance of emcee Lenella Schneider. Along with members of the show the stage crew also included, Randy Fesmire, Jerry Dubner, David Reiedman, Teresa Reves, Wayne Graves, Teresa Briley and Jeff Weaver. Ushers were Barbie Chattin, Michelle Youngblood, Pattie Vadrine and Anne Thomas. Kenneth Adcock and Ted Maxwell kept spots on the performers throughout the evening.

Others in the show who gave excellent performances were Susan Stanfield, Debbie Webb, Tracy Dixon, Jeff Morris, and Melek Akan.

Editorial

WHY SHOULD JC-M STUDENTS BE PROUD

Students at J.C.M. often tend to overemphasize the disadvantages of the school and to ignore the advantages of the system. The purpose of this article is to remind everyone associated with Jackson Central Merry High School of the things that students can take pride in at J.C.M.

The different departments have really made gigantic improvements in the curriculum during the past few years. In the process of strengthening the courses of study, the departments have also brought many honors to J.C.M.

The math department has participated in the advanced placement program for the past two years. During that period, over 90% of the students participating in the program were awarded one to two semesters of college calculus at various colleges and universities. J.C.M. has also been well-represented at the annual math contest.

Home Economics courses have been changed in content and are still in the process of being changed. Comprehensive Home Ec. is being changed to semester courses for the second, third, and fourth year level students. A new area to be studied is occupational Home Economics which will cover child care and guidance. In the future, some courses will be offered to boys.

The English department has made an effort to standardize the content of the curriculum in each grade. This has been a successful endeavor largely because the compact area occupied by the English classes has made it easy for teachers to keep in contact with each other. Team teaching has been adopted as an accepted method of teaching in the English wing, and many text books have been added to the collection of resource materials. The introduction of an honors program has also enhanced the English curriculum.

A major development in the girls; P.E. department has been the gain of an additional teacher. An effort has been made to coordinate activities and facilities on both campuses, and an intramural program has been introduced.

The Speech and Drama Department has taken pride not only in being a department of the school, but also in representing the school in various contests. Speech students have participated in and gained honors in the YTC declamation contest, the Lambuth Forensic Tournament, and the Tennessee Speech and Drama League Tournament at both district and state levels.

Spanish classes have expanded their use of the language laboratory to include listening to current musical recordings. For the second year, students will be participating in the National Spanish Examination. Last year, one of JC-M's Spanish students gained the third-place position in the Memphis area competition.

The Art Department has purchased a great deal of equipment for the use of creative students and has gained two much needed sink units for the classroom. Art students have represented JC-M well in many local contests and have planned to continue presenting annual art exhibits for the public.

Many new subjects have been added to JC-M's curriculum in the past two years, one of which is electronics. Equipment was acquired for classroom use at the very outset of the classroom study. Just this year the department has gained a new transistor electronic lecture unit.

The guidance department has been completely reorganized. Now each counselor is responsible for an entire class and follows that class through the three years of high school.

These are just a few examples of the progress the various departments have made in the short time that JC-M has been a school. However, curriculum alone does not make a school a success. It is the student that makes JC-M what it is. Here are a few responses given by students when they were asked "What do you like about JC-M?"
B. Harrison: the basketball teams and the cheerleaders. J. Boales: the food and the napkins in the cafeteria. S. Stanfield: sitting out on the crosswalk in pretty weather and the way people have learned to get along with each other. C. Watkins: the good race relations that have developed since the schools were consolidated. K. Kuhlman: the way students get along, most of the teachers, and the good curriculum. P. Currie: the way the Student Council has finally started working toward a more united school. S. McClellan: the crosswalk and some of the teachers. J. Douglas: the wide selection of subjects. A. Wray: being able to meet different kinds of people. A. Buchann: the cafeteria, the girls, and some of the teachers. M. Leach: the ladies who come to take up the money in the cafeteria; C. Holcomb: the variety of clubs and activities. T. Maxwell: the good looking girls.

To sum up the attributes of JC-M, here are the conclusions reached in several group discussions on the subject of the good things about our school

- Excellent Teachers
- High athletic standards
- Good vocational departments
- Open-air campus
- Good race relations
- Wide variety of subjects
- Variety of clubs
- Senior exemption from exams

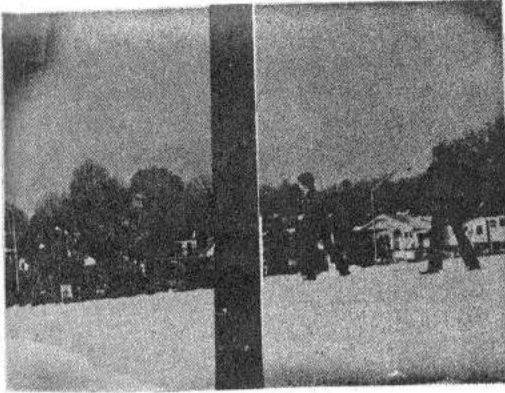
Hopefully, the facts presented in this article have enlightened many of JC-M's chronic belly-achers and proved that we have a school that every student should be proud to claim as their alma mater.

Kathy Naylor

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BLACK HISTORY WEEK TO BE RECOGNIZED



SNOW HINDERED STUDY HABITS

Students awakened Sunday to find the New Year's first snow followed by a "No school" bulletin for Monday. The white fluffy blanket spread invitations to sleds as the young and the young at heart enjoyed thrilling journeys down the snow-covered slopes.

Winter frolic continued Tuesday as another "No school" day was declared. The two unscheduled holidays provided a rare opportunity for students.

But thoughts soon turned again to Biology and English as schools re-opened for classes on Wednesday.

However, snowball fights, such as the one pictured above, were a common scene at JCM as students continued to make full use of every flake of the white stuff.

EXEMPTION REQUIREMENTS ANNOUNCED

Seniors! The announcement you have long awaited has been made. Exemption requirements are:

"In order to stimulate regular attendance, to encourage better work throughout the term, and to lighten the end of term load on those students who attend regularly and work diligently and thereby usually participate in commencement activities, the following policy shall be in effect regarding the taking of final examinations by members of the Senior A Class in High School:

Students who meet the following requirements will be exempt from taking the final semester examination in Senior A subjects provided they: 1. Attend classes every day during the final semester, 2. Maintain an average in each subject of 88.0 for the final semester.

Exceptions will be made for absence resulting from: 1. Death of student's mother, father, sister, brother, aunt, uncle, or grandparent. 2. Illness of student certified by a doctor's statement. No other exceptions will be made. Dentist excuses will not be expected.

The student must maintain the average of 88.0 in each subject and will be required to take a final examination in any subject in which he does not maintain the required 88.0 average.

"Biography Illuminates The Black Experience" is the theme of this year's Black History Week February 11-17. Arrangements are complete for all social studies classes to see the film borrowed from the Xerox Corporation and narrated by Bill Cosby. The film depicts the achievements of the black man in America.

Not only will the film highlight the black man's achievements but will enlighten the students of events, movements and lifestyles of the past.

This annual celebration was launched in 1926 by Dr. Carter Goodwin Woodson, founder of the Association for the study of African-American Life and History. Emphasis is on arousing the American people to a keener sense of appreciation for all people.

Each history class will be shown the film. Those students who do not have a history class and would like to see the film may make arrangements by contacting Mr. Adams, chairman of the history department.



BAND STUDENTS WIN HONORS

Four JC-M band students made the All-West Tennessee Band in tryouts at Lambuth College on December 16.

As members of the 1973 All-West Tennessee Band, Janet Gascoigne, Betsy Edmonson, Greg Tillman, and Nancy Huffman were among the highest rated high school musicians.

Joe Person and Debra Sims qualified as alternates to the All-West band. All-West members went to Memphis January 25.

After competition elimination, Janet Gascoigne was named one of the top musicians of the All-West Tennessee Band, thereby qualifying for the All-State Band. All-State Band activities will be held in Nashville during April.

Chair tryouts for the JC-M Concert Band are now in progress. Plans are being made for a Spring Concert in March.

Band members welcomed George Cailier, a new saxophone player.

Library Aides Keep Books Ready



Books, books and more books ... work, work and more work... file cards... straighten and file magazines ... check-out books ... check-in books ... these are only a few of the many tasks the library assistants do to keep busy each day operating the two libraries at JCM. The 35 assistants who constitute the membership of the Library Aides Club choose as their leaders, President - Marlin Weddle; vice-president - Joyce Boales; secretary - Debbie Usery; treasurer - Carolyn Parker.

Since the library is the treasure house of resource books, many students spend much time there researching material. The aides serve the students by providing them with better library service. Each student finds it easy to familiarize himself with the library and its resources with the help of the library assistants. In order to do this, the club members work at least two to five hours each week. Not only do they give invaluable service, but they themselves receive great benefits from this experience. Knowing your way around the library may help you work your way out of a tight spot.

Members of the Club are most familiar sitting behind a big oak desk where they handle the checking-out and checking-in of books, writing out overdue book notices that are distributed to the teachers so that students may be notified; but if you notice, you will see one anytime straightening books, shelving books, rearranging magazines, or working on one of their many colorful bulletin boards. Variety is a key word for these fine students.

The two libraries have added approximately 575 books since September, and subscribe to more than 50 magazines. Can you imagine how long it would take to get these books on the shelves without the aid of the students? No one at JCM can completely understand and appreciate the work of the Aides, except Mrs. Boone, Mrs. Davis, and Mrs. Matocha. Most books are on the shelf within a few days when they arrive in the library ... with much thanks to the aides!

Cecelia Rukavina, Debra Ragland, Theda Fisher and David Prudowski are our bulletin board specialists. Many hours of work are put into the making of the colorful and

attractive bulletins for the students to enjoy.

Keeping a correct and up-to-date record of old issues of magazines is another important chore for the aides. Both libraries have magazines from 3 to 5 years back and these are very helpful to the students in many of their research projects.

The over 18,000 books in the two libraries, plus the large number of audio-visual material, that is kept in the various departments, indicate the need of this most useful club -- the Aides Club -- which is strictly volunteer on the part of the students.

Collecting fines for overdue books -- not a most pleasant job in the library -- but this the members do, too. There has been some discussion among students at JCM about the three cent fine on overdue books -- three cents a school day, that is. This fine has a reason -- it is in effect because a large number of students fail to return books on time. The reason for this time limit lies in the fact that the resources of our libraries are limited; yet they must be used by more than 1500 people. The only way that this may be accomplished is by apportioning the time that one student may use a book. Since these books are expensive and difficult to obtain, a penalty must be imposed on those who do not abide by the rules.

Another reason for fines is each year a number of books are marred and damaged by the senseless vandalism of a few students.

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Classes

ENGLISH

In an effort to introduce sophomores to the idea of a planned, co-ordinated curriculum which the English department has been developing over a period of several years, students from the sophomore English classes were shown, as a group, a series of film strips.

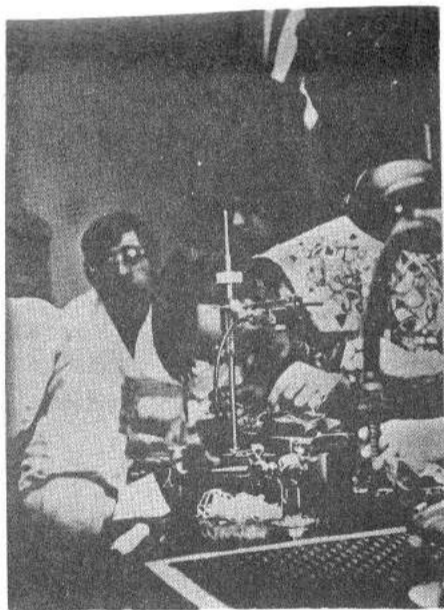
This type of presentation accomplished several objectives. The program provided an informative and enjoyable means of learning about the life and people of the Elizabethan period, in which Shakespeare wrote his tragedy, Julius Caesar; about Shakespeare himself; and about the technical information concerning the Elizabethan theatre necessary to a complete understanding of the play. The program also gave the sophomores a feeling of class unity rather than mere individual classes.

Finally, since all the teachers were involved in the presentation at various times, students were exposed to a variety of teaching approaches.

The same type of program has been used with junior English classes, and may be extended to include other phases of the English curriculum.



BIOLOGY II



Biology II is in its second year of existence. The elective course curriculum meets the objectives of general biology on the college level. Only students who plan to enter the field of science are encouraged to take the course.

The class has studied such areas as the cell and its properties

The class has studied such areas as cell processes, body use of enzymes, carbohydrates, muscle and nerve physiology and protein metabolism.

As pictured above, the physiograph is now being used as the class studies the properties of the skeletal muscle.



MUSIC THEORY

What is a dominant seventh chord in the key of E minor? How many beats does a quarter note get in 6/8 time? What does phrasing have to do with playing a song correctly?

These are some questions you could ask any member of Mr. Watson's fifth period Music Theory class, in existence, for its second year. Besides this, students have learned numerous other concepts used in composing or arranging music.

Most of the students that make up this class are band members, except for a few who have taken on the task with little background, such as piano or guitar. The course is much more difficult of them.

During the second semester, these music minded students will be required to write their own musical "term paper." It consists of taking a condensed score, which is what the director uses to conduct a number, arranging it for a full 75 piece band, and writing out each individual part. It will be graded on neatness, completeness, and the played at rehearsal in sixth period band. Hopefully, it will receive the ultimate reward...an A.

Patti Kirk

SPEECH

JC-M Speech classes I and II are making plans to attend a Speech Tournament at Lambuth College February 23-24.

Elimination speeches for the classes will begin early in February. Three students in each of the twelve categories will be eligible to compete.

Competition categories include:

- Duo-acting
- Solo Acting
- Dramatic Interpretation
- Humorous Interpretation
- After Dinner Speaking
- Boys Original Oratory
- Girls Original Oratory
- One-Act Play
- Declamation
- Poetry Interpretation
- Radio Script Reading
- Television Script Reading.

"Plaza Suite" has been selected for the One-Act Play competition.

COSMETOLOGY

Members of the cosmetology class visited the Convalescent Home on Glass Street during the holidays. Gathering their grooming utensils, the group went to work brushing, combing, styling, and lubricating hair. Manicures and other professional beauty treatments left expressions of happiness on the faces of the elderly. Words of gratitude and "Do it again's" gave the class members a feeling that the task was a success.

Joy had been brought to patients who were unable to care for themselves.

Short Story

THE ELEPHANT AND THE ANT

One spring day an elephant was walking about in the fields looking at all the flat land around him. Suddenly he decided that the fields needed a huge mountain to change the scenery. However, being a lazy sort of creature, he planned to get someone else to build it. No one would take the job except for a tiny red ant. At the end of two weeks, the ant called the elephant to come and look at his work of art. To the elephant's dismay, he gazed at a little hill about a foot high. "Is this what I hired you to do?" he cried. "I told you to build a huge mountain." Little did he know that that was just what the little red ant had done.

1st moral: If you want something done like you want it to be done, you'll have to do it yourself.
2nd moral: Things look different to different people.

Connie Forbis



scratches with a future

Have you ever really thought about shorthand and the many uses it could have for you? It can supply a way of taking down the professor's notes in college, or it can open up job opportunities. These are just two of the long list of uses it has.

To the uninformed student, shorthand may appear to be nothing more than doodling; however, shorthand holds a special meaning to the skilled eye. How does one become skilled? One suggestion may be to enroll in a high school shorthand class.

Depending on the outlook of the student, the daily routines of a shorthand class can be voting, challenging, or even humorous. Laughs can be the result of a student misreading shorthand. For instance, the shorthand may be the Gettysburg Address, but the student transcribes it as an acceptance speech for an Academy Award.

There are several ways to practice shorthand other than simply writing it. One can sign Christmas cards in shorthand or write secret notes to friends in shorthand. Whatever purpose shorthand may have for you, it is certainly an asset to the individual.

What can shorthand give you after completion of the course? It can open the door to careers in art, in television, in medicine, in publishing, or in management. A secretarial job doesn't necessarily have to be the field in which you use shorthand. Your aspirations and goals may be in one of the above fields, but through shorthand, achievement may be reached.

Loretta West



If you wish to have a certain album reviewed, contact either Steve Dubner or a member of the CSP staff. Unless students turn in requests, the staff has no way of knowing which albums should be reviewed.

Special thanks to J. C. Penny Co. and Tommy Floyd for supplying the albums used in this column.

WHY DONTCHA by West, Bruce and Laing

West, Bruce & Laing are neither Cream nor Mountain. Anyone who buys Why Dontcha thinking that they are will be sadly mistaken.

Why Dontcha is West, Bruce & Laing's first album. While Leslie West (Mountain), Jack Bruce (Cream) & Corky Laing (Mountain) have their musical roots in hard rock, Why Dontcha is not restricted to their past experiences. Jazz, blues, folk, and rock are all represented on this album. Nine of the ten songs are authored by the trio and each member has ample opportunity to include his own musical preferences.

Technically, the album marks a high point in each musician's career. All three take turns with the vocals and among them, the instruments used include: guitars (slide, acoustic, and electric), bass (electric and acoustic), drums, violin guitar, ARP Synthesizer, harp (harmonica), organ, piano, and harmonium. West has never played better guitar, Bruce's bass is fascinating, and Laing's drumming is quite versatile.

Why Dontcha's best song is the title number; good hard rock featuring West's mean guitar and Bruce's rambling bass. The more I listen to this album, the better I like it. It is definitely worth listening to.

PURE PRARIE LEAGUE by Pure Prairie League

For several years (about 67-70), rock almost completely dominated the music scene. Ever since rock lost its prestige, many different musical modes have emerged. The re-emergence of country music for rock audiences is probably the most dramatic musical comeback.

Pure Prairie League typifies this comeback. Instead of drawling and wailing fiddles, Pure Prairie League's brand of country music is marked by excellent guitar (electric, acoustic, and steel pedal) work and melodic vocals. This album contains pleasant tunes about love and the country, written for easy listening. Pure Prairie League is easy-listening music in a light vein.

Pop Music News



Dear Cat,

At basketball games, I get so excited, I can't stand it! I scream and yell and pinch the people around me until they scream too! Do I have a problem?

Big-Mouthed Bertha

Dear Big,

You have the problem that everyone at JCM should have--school spirit. Keep up the good work--we need more fans like you!

Dear Cat,

During the spring holidays, my boyfriend wants me to go with his family to Florida. They go to the same place every year--Seaside (and everything else) Nudist Camp! I'm very embarrassed about going because I'm deformed--my knees aren't in the middle of my legs!

Unbalanced

Dear Unbalanced,

Don't worry, they probably won't even notice (as long as everything else is balanced). Have a good time, don't let the bed bugs bite and be sure to take your polaroid.

Dear Cat,

I have an irresistable urge to dance all of the time. Several teachers have stopped me in the hall and told me to stop dancing or else! I can't help it, Cat. I'm not choosy about the dance. Jitterbug, Waltz, or the breakdown--I like them all. Help me.

Dancing Fool

Dear Fool,

I don't know if there is a school rule against dancing or not. For safety's sake, you had beter calm your itching feet while you're onschool property. After all, ther's a time and place for everything. I doubt that even Fred Astair danced at school. Get on the "good foot" of the administration--cool the dancing for a while.

Dear Cat,

I use Close-up toothpaste everyday, but it doesn't seem to help me attract any males. I'm getting discouraged.

Blah Breath

Dear Blah,

I don't know what's going wrong--unless, you're not getting close enough for the boys to get a whiff of you. I use Close-up too, and there are plenty of toms hanging around me. Go on and get up in their faces so the special ingredients can do their stuff.

Dear Cat.

All of my friends make fun of my singing. They say that it stinks, but I think I sound really good. Help me!

Buddy Baritone

Dear Buddy,

I can't help you--only a voice teacher can do that! For the present, just sing when you're alone. Then everyone will be happy--your friends' ears will be spared the agony of listening to your voice and you will be able to enjoy the enhancing ecstasy of a truly beautiful voice!

Police Corner

Sorry we didn't have an article in this corner last issue. We were working in other police corners. We would like to wish you belated New Year good wishes.

Sgt. Crews

Bob overslept. There was no chance of getting to school on time and he didn't care to get bawled out again for being late. They say it's easy to fake an excuse.

As he wandered toward the business district, he ran into a boy from across town. "Playing hookey, Bill?" "Naw--it's legit--our school is closed for a teachers' meeting. Let's go to the school, I've got to get something out of my desk." (Bill was angry because the teacher kept his report card to lower one of his grades. He was determined to get the card back.

Finding the school building locked, the boys climbed through a basement window. Bill hunted through the teacher's desk and threw a book at Bob who promptly threw it back. Soon desks were overturned, a globe was smashed and papers were scattered. When a window was broken, Bob got scared. The janitor caught him as he was trying to get out and he was taken to the police station.

On Bill's way out the broken window he took \$102 that he found in the teacher's desk. Fearful of being caught, he took the money to his friend, Joe, to keep for him. Joe had nothing to do with stealing the money; but in a court he would have been charged with "being an accessory after the fact" because he aided the person who took it.

Bob wasn't aware anything was stolen until Bill and Joe were brought to the detention home. Because he was with Bill when the money was taken, he was equally guilty under the law.

Bob had no idea that truancy from school would get him into trespassing, vandalism, and grand larceny! (Fortunately he came under the jurisdiction of a juvenile court which had a staff to help him profit by his experience. Had he been older, he could have been sentenced to several years in a state prison.

The penalties for all of the above offenses are covered in the Tennessee Code Annotated and can carry imprisonment up to five years. The juvenile offender is handled through the juvenile court under Judge Walter Baker Harris and judgment is left to his discretion.

Petry Craz

Everybody can write a poem! At least everyone can write a CINQUAINS A cinquain has five lines. Here's how to write each line:

1. A word for the title.
2. Two words to describe the title.
3. Three words to express action.
4. Four words to express feeling.
5. The title again, or a word like it.

Following are cinquains written by students in Junior English:

Trains

Long, short
Rolling, rambling, singing
Forever following silver rails
Trains.

Johann Gilbert

Hair

Long, abundant
Flowing, blowing, growing
Portraying philosophies of discontent
Hair.

Randy Fesmire

Automobiles

Varoom, varoom
Acceleratin, braking, stopping
Gasoline-drinkers, twenty-first century
Automobiles.

Travis Glenn Jones

"Superfly"

Cool dude
Pushing, sniffing, tripping
He is a bad...
Superfly.

Randy Randolph

Shoes

Squeaky, leaky
Mashing your toes
I'd rather be barefoot
Shoes.

Patti Kirk

Silence

Whispered breeze
Moving, calming, frightening
Sound you never hear
Silence.

Kenneth Wallace

I WISH

I wish that I could see you once again
To give you all this love I have for you,
To tell you what it means to be your friend,
And how you have made all my dreams come true

I wish I could be with you once again
And on our peaceful island in the bay.
We'd stay there till our time came to an end
And watch the sunset close our perfect day.

I wish we were together, you and I,
To do again the things we did before.
But when I had to leave I know I'd cry,
Because I'd want to stay with you some more.

I know that if I trust in God and pray,
Then all my wishes will come true someday.

Tina Varnell

CLASS PRIDE

Being a senior is really great,
Juniors and sophomores just can't wait.

Getting to wear our own class ring
That has our name and everything.

And when we're here most everyday
And keep our grades at eighty-eight
Getting to miss out on exams
While you all cram and cram and cram.

And when April 12 rolls around
And school is really getting us down
You'll not see our smiling faces
'Cause on our day we'll be all sorts of places

Getting to send out invitations
To all our close friends and relations
To come and see us march down the aisle
With our diploma and a great big smile.

So now, maybe, you all can see
Why we're the Best! Class of '73.



D'nese Moore

Book Reviews

JOHNATHAN LIVINGSTON SEAGULL BY Richard Bach

One of the most enjoyable bestsellers this year is a little book only ninety-three pages long (including beauty photographs) called Jonathan Livingston Seagull. By capturing the hearts and pocketbooks of a nation Jonathan Livingston Seagull, the bird with one great aim--the perfection of flying, has become an inspiration for teenagers, sagas, and movie producers.

Jonathan's desire for perfection causes him to be cast out of his flock. As the story progresses Jonathan and the reader learn that there is no heaven and no death only self-perfection which should be the goal for all creatures

He returns to the flock to teach other outcasts to fly. He teaches that freedom is the very nature of a seagull that whatever stands against that freedom must be set aside, be it ritual or superstition or limitation in any form. Perhaps author Richard Bach wants the same lesson to apply to man.

Lenella Schneider



NEW BOOK ARRIVALS

Nobody Knows My Name; by Baldwin, J.
Breakfast at Tiffany's; by Capote, T.
American Tragedy; by Dreiser, T.
Double Wedding; by DuJardin, R.
Double Many
Girl Like Me; by Eyerly, J.
Sun also Rises; by Hemingway, E.
Joy in the Morning; by Smith, B.
Agony and the Ecstasy; by Stone, I.
Fellowship of the Ring; by Talrien, J.
Armageddon; by Uris, L.
Black Boy; by Wright, R.

Student Profiles

MOLLY BOSWELL

FAVORITES

car: "Heavy Chevy"
color: raspberry
possession: my teddy bear
food: chocolate covered ants
sport: ping-pong
activity: roller skating
past time: eating
hobby: playing the harmonica
song: "Put the Lime in the Coconut"
teacher: Mr. Bethel
person: Tony Luna
season: summer
subject: Chemistry
Pet PEEVE: blowing your nose while eating
LAST WILL & TESTAMENT: Leave my harmonica to Bob Dylan.
BIRTHDAY: November 9

MIKE ORZECHAWSKI

FAVORITES

car: Mustang
color: blue
possession: tape player
food: pizza
sport: golf
activity: Saturday bath
hobby: washing golf balls
song: "Lord Have Mercy"
teacher: Mrs. Determeyer
person: James Taylor
season: summer
subject: Sociology
Pet PEEVE: popping gum
LAST WILL & TESTAMENT: I leave my old golf balls and clubs to Arnold Palmer.
BIRTHDAY: October 30

TERESA CARTER

FAVORITES

car: Chevrolet
color: purple
possession: Joey Blackman
food: fish
sport: skiing
activity: motor riding
past time: tv
hobby: Joey Blackman
song: "We've Only Just Begun"
teacher: Mrs. Jones
person: Joey Blackman
season: summer
subject: Joey Blackman
Pet PEEVE: Getting hit in the back of the head with a snowball.
BIRTHDAY: May 8

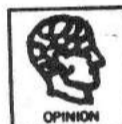
Henry Lee Lewis

FAVORITES

car: Edsel
color: Clear
possession: teddy bear
food: spinach
sport: checkers
activity: slopping the hogs on my uncle's farm
pastime: watching "Lawrence Welk"
hobby: collecting interesting bricks
song: "Okie from Muskogee"
teacher: Mrs. Easley
person: Lawrence Welk
season: pepper
subject: P. E. III
Pet peeve: commercials cutting in on Lawrence Welk
LAST WILL & TESTAMENT: I leave my rubber ducky to Mr. Fann.
BIRTHDAY: February 29, leap year

Student Faculty Administration

OPINION



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

CENTRAL STUDENT PRESS

The Central Student Press bears a three year history; and during its three years, only 5% of the people in the school have had an opportunity to say anything in the paper. I was surprised when I was asked to comment on the paper by a member of its staff because I have not previously been one of the chosen ones.

I will say that the people who have had something to do with the paper have done fairly well. But, there are a few areas that I think need improvement.

Among them are a survey on recored rap discussing today's popular records and involvement of all students. What is really happening in the Student Council meetings. Do they just stare at each other for an hour? If the CSP really wants to cover total population, a gossip column is needed.

Joseph Allen

SAY SOMETHING NICE ABOUT JCM

Why aren't there any nice things said about this school. This school has so much to be thankful for. We have a better educational opportunity; we can find new and remarkable friends.

We, the students who make this school, are the and bad of this school.

If you want the school to be better, you have to get involved.

Staff note: Robert Carver

The CSP is written by students not only on the staff but by those willing and interested in contributing. The staff should not have to ask 1,500 individuals for contributions.

If students are not happy with the paper's content, they should constructively criticize to the staff or advisor. We secure as much information about classes, clubs, and achievement as possible but cannot obtain facts about every event without student and faculty cooperation.

The gossip section previously printed was discontinued as it proved to be embarrassing and damaging to students spotlighted.

FLEA MARKET

Girls! Get your fruit flavored lip-gloss! Also in assorted spice flavors for those who want to attract those hot-blooded Latin lovers.

Special: Get selections from our ten best-sellers list at half-price. Get such greats as "Six Ways to Cook Freeze Dried Rabbit" or "Eighty-seven Ways to Put Used Baggies to Work."

Public Announcement: Ralph Nader has recalled all bottles of that famous perfume called "Arpege" It seems "Arpege" proved fatal to 68 husbands when they "promised her anything, but only gave her "Arpege."

We are sorry to announce that "Land of the Giants" had to be canceled when the star was fatally injured by the dandruff of a giant hippie, who was trying to catch him in a nickel bag.

Get nine tapes for only \$2.99!! Yes, you can be the first family on your block to get this great bargain. Just sign your name, in blood of course, and swear to buy 36 tapes per year for 26 years at \$11.95 per tape. (Parents failing to keep up payments must give us their first-born male child.)

"Ninety-three persons were arrested today at a peace rally. Incidentally, they were charged with assault and battery."

"Orthodontist dies in boating accident." He was performing root canal work in Moby Dick, the great white whale."

"Dick Tracy was arrested today on charges of illegal wiretapping. When questioned about the incident Dick said, "Don't bug me."

Funeral services for Madge the Palmolive lady will be held tomorrow. Doctors said it was the worst case of dishpan head on medical history. It seems Madge had been soaking her head in it. I guess you could say she was still wet behind the ears. Mmm.

Rock singer is found dead in library. Doctors say he was overcome with silence.



DON'T JUST EAT FOOD-WEAR IT!

A woman's beauty has, on countless occasions, changed the course of history, or the life of a single man. But how is it done? How did Marie Antoinette preserve that famous complexion? What magic potion kept Ninon de L'Enclos young and seductive till the age of 91? The answer is simple: Make your own beauty preparations from whatever is available in your own kitchen. Don't just eat food, wear it.

Need a wonder mask?

***Cleanse your face and smear it with raw egg white. Leave it on you for ten or fifteen minutes or longer if you wish, then rinse off with tepid water. Feel the drawing of impurities out of your skin and tightening and closing the pores. Save the yellow of the egg to put in scrambled eggs. Use about once a week.

***A baby's diaper makes a perfectly wonderful face towel for beauty treatments.

***To steam your face, fill your basin with hot water. Cover the head with a large bath towel, holding it out with your hands to make a sort of tent, and lean over the basin of hot water and blow in it.

After steaming the face, pat it dry with the absorbent diaper or towel. Rub beet juice on the face, leave juice on about ten minutes, then pat cotton pads soaked in lemon juice over the beet juice for another ten minutes. Rinse with cool water.

***Another mask is, a paste of mashed cooked turnips and carrots, spread over face and leave on for half an hour.

***Oily skin should be washed with cucumber juice. Dry skin with a mixture of milk and melted butter.

See you next month with more beauty tips.

Cosmetology Class

Library Aides

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It takes a lot of money to replace a set of encyclopedias or other books which have been deliberately torn or marked.

So remember this when you pay your fine ... books are the key to your knowledge ... books are one of your most important sources of information. Don't let them be destroyed by a few. After all, if you don't want to pay, you can, and should, turn the book in on time.

Members other than the officers are: Martha Key, Judy Cooper, Faye Collins, Laurie Hardee, Janet Davis, Carolyn Jones, Mary Day, Theda Fisher, Debra Ragland, Gwendolyn Bell, Gregory Brooks, Sandra McClellan, Janice Jordan, Ann Russell, Regina Tomlin, Phyllis Perry, Vickie Green, Agnes Cotton, Marilyn Wallace, Charles Marsh, Leanne Fletcher, Jeanette Cruse, Ruth Ann Boales, Gloria Manuel, Diane Heibert, Jennifer Jernigan, Eileen Young, Debbie Hamlett, Mary Beth O'Dell, Corinna Russell, Susan Cowan, and Denise Mizell.

To show their appreciation and gratitude for a job well done, Mrs. Boone, Mrs. Davis, and Mrs. Matocha entertain the Aides Club members with a picnic at Highland Park each

DETERMINATION IS KEY

In both watching and announcing the basketball games this year, I have seen something that you don't see in a lot of high schools. That is determination---- no matter what the odds. Even without support from the student body, the boys and girls team have fought hard for themselves and the student body.

The boys team wasn't supposed to be much this year, but the team record is almost unbeaten. Both losses came from tough teams on the road. The JC-M team has a great defense; and as one news reporter said, "They steal the ball enough times to be put in jail."

The team is a fast-moving, well-shooting bunch of players led by: Macon Hunt, John Kilzer, Joe Johnson, Howard Stephenson, and James Vinson. Most of all, the team plays to win every game.

With a fourth place in the State Tournament last year, the girls were billed as one of the top teams in West Tennessee.

Led by the improved playing of Connie Forbis, the jump-shooting of Brenda Pirtle, the steady ball-handling of Maxine Copeland, and the fantastic defensive play of guards Ginnv Conger, Mavis Werthing, and Lucinda Maxwell, the girls' team have gone undefeated through 15 games.

The biggest victory this year was over McNairy Central, one of the best teams in the state. Determination is evident with these girls. They talk to each other, help each other out, and even run from the dressing room yelling, "We want victory."

If you haven't seen these teams in action, you are really missing something.

Come on out to the next game and watch the Cougars stick their claws into another team and tear them apart.

Pat Currie

CALENDAR



February

- 1-28 LAMBUTH COLLEGE - Art Exhibit, Lambuth Gallery, Jones Hall, 8:00 a.m.-5:00p.m.
- 1-28 Union UNIVERSITY - Art Exhibit, Annual Faculty Show, Union Galleries, Art and Science Building 8:00 a.m.-5:00p.m.
- 1 LANE COLLEGE - Drama, "King Lear," Jackson Central-Merry (East Campus)
- 2 Basketball Game - Southside, there.
- 6 Basketball Game - Bolivar, - there.
- 9 Basketball Game - Haywood Co. High School, there.
- 10 Basketball Game - McNairy Central, there.
- 14 JACKSON STATE CC- Student Talent Show, Science Auditorium, 11:00 a.m.
- 16 Basketball Game- Savannah, here
- 16 BETHEL COLLEGE Film, "Laurel and Hardy, Murder Case" Dickey Auditorium 8:00 p.m.
- 23-24 LAMBUTH Speech Tournament
- 7 Planetarium Program "Finding your Way Among the Stars: the Constellations
- 13-14 Stage Band Festival, Memphis

Sports

COUGARS - 13

LADY COUGARS - Undefeated

COACH MATTHEWS INDICATES OPTIMISM

Assistant Coach James Matthews indicates optimism for the remaining home-games and a 50/50 chance on the road.

Coach Matthews commented on previous games, "With the exception of the Henderson game, our boys have played very well all season. I don't think the boys were ready mentally for Henderson."

He feels the Cougars were the better team over Savannah even though the scores were tight. Matthews predicts Savannah will have been the toughest team played because Savannah has speed to match JC-M as well as good shooters and rebounders.

Outstanding playing by the team as well as individual efforts are the key to the JC-M victories. "Vinson and Stevenson, our guards, have done an excellent job on the defense; Hunt and Kilzer have carried the team on offense."

Mr. Matthews added that the team has improved as a whole now that Joe Johnson is in the line-up. With Joe's outside shot, the big men can go on to improve the game."

The team needs the support of the student body to keep the good record. Get out and support your team!

TENNIS COURTS TO BE FINISHED IN SPRING

Bad weather and a late start are the main determinants in the unfinished tennis courts on the East Campus according to Mr. Jack Faust of City Hall.

He explained that Harris Construction Company, in charge of the tennis court work, got off to a late start due to city curb and gutter work. The only thing they lack is the laying of a top-surface, the top court posts, the nets, and finally the line markings. He stated that the top surface could be laid only in warm weather of 50° - 70°.

Looking to the future of tennis at J.C.M. he mentioned that conduits have been installed and future plans include the addition of lights for night playing.

TRACK TEAM HOLDS FIRST MEETING

The track team held an informative meeting Wednesday, December 3, in the roundroom of the coliseum. About 15 or 20 interested students attended and viewed a half-hour film on the Decathlon.

The coaches of the team are; head coach, Dan Bland and assistant coach, Jimmy Carmichall. After the meeting, Coach Bland briefly discussed the future track meets and the events the team would participate in.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

OVER 900 YEARBOOKS SOLD

Across

2. 12th grade majorette
4. street between campuses
6. school that beat boys basketball team
8. two points
10. give away
11. school mascot
12. planet
13. head basketball coach
14. star of Variety Show
16. planet
18. not hard
20. football coach
21. Algebra II teacher

Down

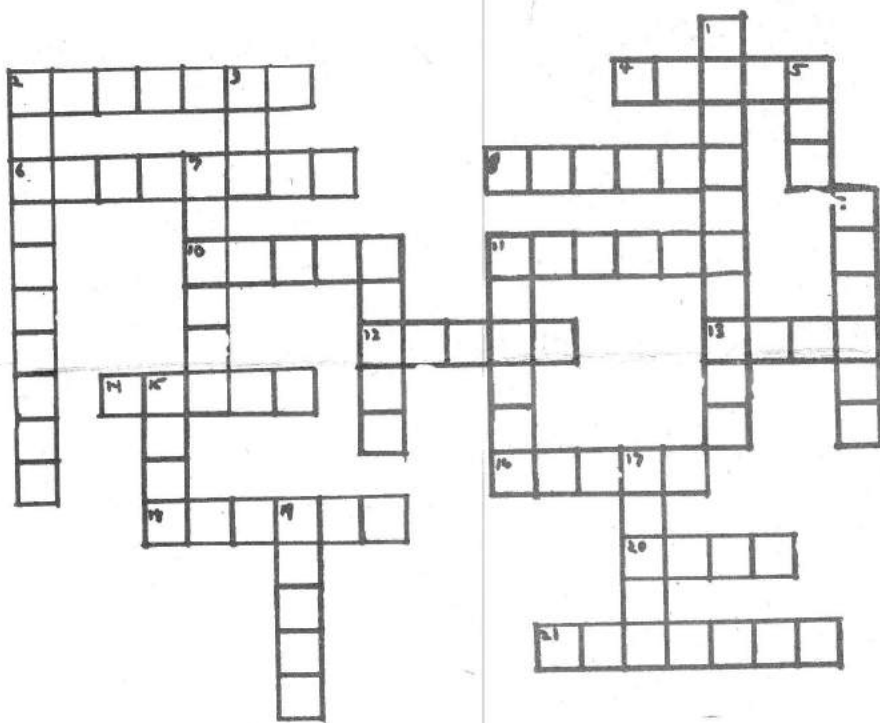
1. secretive
2. sport now in progress
3. square root of 100
5. rules and regulations
7. vice president of Thespians
9. Thespians parliamentarian
15. 11th grade English teacher
17. cube root of 27
19. fuzzy fruit

The Jackson-Central-Merry staff recently completed sale of the 1973 Crossroads. Working diligently, the yearbook staff has put in long hours of hard work to make this year's annual better than ever. Approximately 900 yearbooks were sold out of the large student body of 1,500. Sympathy goes out for those who did not purchase an annual.

Our thanks for the time spared by the homeroom representatives who attempted to sell 90% of their class yearbooks. Representatives who achieved this were able to buy their yearbook at half price. Thanks again for your time and trouble.

A few extra yearbooks were ordered and will be on sale the beginning of May for \$8.00.

Libby Perry



MU ALPHA THETA VIEWS FILM

The members of Mu Alpha Theta held their monthly meeting January 18 in the West Campus cafeteria. President Ginny Conger called the meeting to order. An amendment allowing senior members presently not enrolled in a math course to retain their membership was passed.

After the business, the group enjoyed an interesting film entitled "The Invisible E." The film, which was obtained through Memphis State University, dealt with possible careers in Civil Engineering. Following the film, refreshments were served and the meeting was dismissed.

Ann Johnson

THESPIANS COMPLETE PLEDGE REQUIREMENTS

JCM's Thespian Society has been quite busy this month. Most of this time was spent on the Variety Show held on January 15.

Twelve new Thespian members completed pledge requirements this month. They are: Jerry Dubner, Patsy Heidelberg, Teresa Carter, Teresa Briley, Charlotte Gaither, Chris Wagner, Barbara Marchbanks, Patricia Adams, Kenny Wallace, Pat Currie, Kathy Webb, and Ted Maxwell.

Many Thespians are preparing for the upcoming Speech Tournament at Lambuth College on February 23-24. The tournament will involve several high schools in this area.