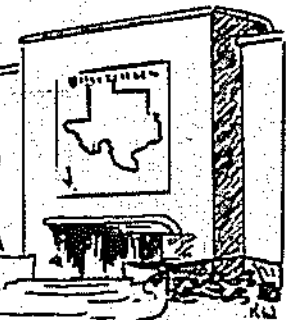


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Irari, Pow Wow Pick Sweethearts

Traditionally each fall the boys' social service clubs elect sweethearts or royal court members for the coming year.

Pow-Wow elected blond Carolyn Burton as its sweetheart, Monday, September 10.

Carolyn is recording secretary of Palamar, student council representative from her homeroom, softball head-in Cherokee, and a member of Chorolettes. She hopes to attend Texas University and major in elementary education.

Irari club annually elects a royal court which is composed of princesses from the girls clubs, a princess-at-large, and a queen. This year Marilyn McKee has been elected queen.

Marilyn, low senior, is presently a member of Lamar-O-

Liers, C.S.U., and Future Teachers of America. She plans to study business administration at Texas University.

Jody Childers, Niwauna princess, has lived in Houston for nearly all her seventeen years.

She attended West University Elementary and Pershing Junior High, where she was a member of the chorus. Next year she plans to go to business college here. Jody is now a member of Chorolettes and C.S.U.

Princess from Tawasi is Louise Wright. She was Chums Carnival Queen last year; and this year she is a page editor of the Lancer, recording secretary of Tawasi, and a member of Chorolettes.

Texas University will claim

the Palamar princess, Cindy Dexter, next fall.

Last year Cindy was lab assistant for Mr. B. W. Kent and a member of C.S.U. and Chorolettes. One of her main outside interests is swimming. The past two years she has been a member of the swimming squad.

Acia Elliot, junior, is the princess from Mirabeau.

Since coming to Lamar Acia has participated in the Modern Dance Club, Mirabeau, and Chorolettes. She was Duchess of the sophomore class in the May Fete last spring, and while at Lanier she was Queen of the May Fete in the ninth grade and head cheerleader.

The Chums princess is brown-eyed Patty Jenkins. Patty became a member of Chums when

she was a sophomore and is now recording secretary. She has been president of Wowapi, the Library club, and she is now president of the Future Teachers of America Club.

Rice is her goal for next year, and she wants to major in elementary education.

Irari's princess-at-large is Laurie Rayburn, a junior.

She is a member of Kachina, Future Teachers of America, La Quintaine, and C.S.U. Her main hobby is swimming. She is a member of the Lamar swimming team and in the summer, the Sombbrero team.

She hasn't decided what she wants to study but hopes to attend either Texas or Sophie Newcomb.

New Talent Stars In Variety Show

"New faces, new voices, and new dance groups will be spotlighted in 'Star-Dust,' Lamar's first variety show of the year," Mrs. Ruth Denney, drama director, stated this week. The show will be during school Wednesday, October 10.

The nostalgic mood created by the emptiness of an old theater is the theme of the show. With the help of an old scrubwoman (Elizabeth Anderson), Diana Francis, a "has-been" actress turned drama teacher, and her students, Kay Archer, Marietta Morris, Emily Hamrick, Betsy Rustay, and Bobbie Hainline, reminisce over by-gone years. The once famous dancers, singers, and entertainers rise out of the dust to star again.

P.T.A. Announces Coming Events For Fall Term

Two coming events for the fall term have been announced by the Lamar Parent-Teachers Association.

The Annual "Faculty Tea" for Lamar faculty and administrative personnel, will be held October 16 at the home of Mrs. Carlos Hamilton, 3015 Del Monte, November 13 marks the evening when the doors of the school will be thrown open to the parents for the open house and PTA meeting of the fall term.

This year's officers are Mrs. D. J. Bratton, president; Mrs. Thomas Vanzant, vice-president; Mrs. Sterling McCall, recording secretary; Mrs. S. A. Berthume, corresponding secretary; Mr. Harvin Moore, treasurer; Mrs. Carlos Hamilton, parliamentarian; Mrs. B. E. Langdon, publicity; Mrs. W. P. Bonin, membership; and Mrs. Earl McKaughan, hospitality.

Other officers are Mr. J. B. Daumenbaum, finance and budget; Mr. W. E. Hess, welfare; Mrs. S. P. Goodrich, teacher representative; Mrs. Zeke Tipton, organization; Mr. Travis Brosche, building; and Mr. Arne Engberg, grounds.

Some of the "stars" are Carlin Glynn, an entertainer with a very "special" act; Sue Harlow and Susan Ellis, dancers; and Gail Jordan, singer "plus."

Gail Jarius, Fern Atkinson, La Vonne Northrup, and Judy Anderson, accompanied by Ginger Daly and Barbara Curtin, present a specialty dance.

Two trios will sing; a new one composed of Judy Holke, Linnie Mower, and Ann Corrigan; and the "Stardusters," Wylita Baxter, Melinda Robinson, and Marcelle Nerger.

Soloists include Sandra Stoltz, Kay Pope, Barry Moore, and Yolanda Oleson.

"By the Sea," will be performed by Ann Rendleman, Jo Dee Graves, Betsy Johnson, Sally Bowen and others.

Jerry Wright and his Texans will also sing.

"These and many others will re-create the scenes of a by-gone era," Mrs. Denney said.

"It is a little difficult for our old stand-bys to take a back seat (in the audience) for this first show, but for our next one, and

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Social Service Clubs Admit 188 Members

One hundred eighty-eight members were drawn into the nine social clubs last Friday.

The girls' social clubs led this term in drawing new members. Palamar headed the list by drawing 39 new members. Mirabeau drew 34; Niwauna, 31; Ramal, 21; Pow Wow, 18; Irari, 16; Tawasi, 14; Chums, 10; and Awahoo, 5.

Girls drawn into Palamar were Bobbie Beardmore, Beverly Bratton, Barbara Bierling, Lynda Lee Craft, Judy Cole, Peggy Knight, Karen McKenht, Martha Gips, Elaine Osborn, Sally Walston, Ann Wendler, Jo Ann Winfrey, Jo Neal Owers, Marjorie Trulan, Francis Lloyd, Sue Hebert, Sharon Strong, Judith Helme, Charlene Prescott, Jo Lynn Grasse, Claudia Frazer, Merle Keith, Sharon Weatherred, Jeanette Dews, Lynn Dickey, Mary Lynn Ordning, Mary Alice Gilley, Linda Galbraith, Jane Hopson, Beverly Cox, Carol Nixon, Diana Francis, Marilyn Sanders, Charla Elliott, Neat Eddleman, Martha Smith, Pat Waldrif, Pam Dexter, and Ann Demming.

Mirabeau: Elaine Antill, Jane Blanton, Marty Brandt, Evie Beular, Martha Breedlove, Carol Criss, Lynda Darnell, Pat Emory, Margaret Garrett, Carolyn Fuseiler, Judy Holke, Cookie Hrdlicka, Sara Ince, Gee Gee Kamrath, Beverly Krichamer, Kathy McFrige, Barbara Mangum, Merry McElwrath, Penny Miller, Norma Lynn Nolen, Nancy Nunnery, Pat Patterson, Betsy Pearson, Margie Petteway, Ann Pennington, Nancy Pollard, Gail Pontikes, Nancy Reinhardt, Kathy Sangster, Arlene Strong, Mary Nell Taylor, Susan Veltman, Prissy Whitehead, and Peg Wright.

Niwauna: Nancy Baldwin, Aubyn Byers, Susan Chenoweth, Sara Churchill, Ann Craig, Judy Craig, Judy Crouch, Leslie Cummings, Lee Davis, Nancy Endress, Charlotte Farmer, Florence

LAMAR YESTERYEARS....

'Reach For Stars' Worthy School Motto

This year begins the twentieth year of history for Lamar. It has been a great history; and the Lancer is commemorating the event with a few reminiscences from the past.

Lamar first opened its doors in 1937 to 1,200 students. These students began a tradition in the school's motto, "Reach for the Stars."

Mirabeau B. Lamar, to whom Lamar owes its name, was one of the greatest fighters for public education in the state of Texas. The school flower, the Cherokee Rose, was chosen because of its habitat on Westheimer Road near Lamar. The symbol chosen for the competitive teams was the Indian. Crim-

son and blue became the official school colors.

Many public figures have



emerged from the doors of the school because Lamar has taken pride in being a breeder of exceptional students.

Through the years Lamar has won many victories in the fields of debate and dramatics in city, state, and national competition.

In the sports field, Lamar has also excelled and in 1953 boasted a state championship football team. But things weren't always so good. Back in 1937, the team only had one win, which was over Humble, 18-12. In basketball, that same year, the school scored three victories over Davis, Austin, and Milby.

Lamar has truly "reached for the stars" and has succeeded in every way.

'Beautiful Girl,' Mother Of Five, Has Busy Days

BY MARY ALICE GILLEY

Twenty years ago next May, the first "Most Beautiful Girl" of the first graduating class of Lamar was announced.

It was an exciting moment for Betty Finnegan, who received the honor. But in many respects her life today is probably more exciting than it was then.

Betty Finnegan is now Mrs. W. L. Doherty of 10 Briar Oaks. She is a busy wife and the mother of five children.

Mrs. Doherty recalls many of her experiences during this first year of Lamar. She attended San Jacinto before the new school opened and was wondering, along with all the other students, how the new school would be.

"What I remember most about Lamar," Mrs. Finnegan says, "is the school's great spirit of participation even in that first year. It seemed that the other schools didn't care much about school activities, but at Lamar everyone wanted to enter into everything."

While she was still in Lamar, Mrs. Doherty and some of her school friends started a luncheon club, which still meets once a month. Seven other original members still live in Houston.

They are Mrs. Orme George, 3021 Overbrook Lane, who was Ann Barrett, graduating with one of the school's highest academic ratings; Mrs. DeWitt Gayle, 5020 Cedar Creek, Elizabeth Knapp, editor of the Orenda; Mrs. Marvin Greenwood, 3816 Olympia, Ann Monger, most popular girl; Mrs. George Kimbrell, 4613 Hulsache, Bellaire, Nancy Davis, a duchess in the first May Fete; Mrs. Robert Burger, 333 Shasta Drive, Virginia Trotter; Mrs. Joe Meyer, 2134 McClendon, Rosemary McKinney; Mrs. Albert Smith, 4005 Ella Lee Lane, Rosemary Hackney.

Mrs. Doherty attended Hockaday School in Dallas for one year and Texas University for three years, where she met her husband, Mr. W. L. Doherty, who has his own insurance company here.

The children are Betsy, 11, Billy, 8, Bobby, 6, Mike, 4, and Pat, 1½.

Coming Events

- Oct. 4, 11: Texas History Club
- Oct. 4, 11: Cartoonists' Club
- Oct. 4: Future Nurses of America
- Oct. 4: Kachina
- Oct. 5: Tawasi-Awahoo Pay Dance
- Oct. 6: Milby Game
- Oct. 8, 15: Texas Junior Academy of Science
- Oct. 9: Christian Student Union

Farm Issue Still Unsettled

The Future Farmers of America are holding their fourth annual sweetheart contest October 1-5. The five contestants nominated are Starlett Smith, Sally Tarrant, Acia Elliott, Julie Shaw, and Ann Rendleman.

The student body will vote for the contestants on the penny-a-vote basis. The booth will be set up in the front entrance of the building from 7:45 until 8:10 A.M.



FIRST ORENDA BEAUTY!—Top, Betty Finnegan appeared in the first Orenda in 1937. Bottom, Twenty years later the same beauty, now Mrs. W. L. Doherty, poses with her hus-

band and children. From left to right Billy, 8; Mr. Doherty, holding Mike, 4; Bobby, 5; Mrs. Doherty holding Pat, 1½; and Betsy, 11.

EDITORIALS

School Elections
Give Voter Duty

The Constitution of the United States gives every citizen the right to vote. We vote not only in state and national matters, but in our counties, cities, and many other organizations. This democratic principle has even extended into our public schools. Yet, we at Lamar are making mockery out of our privilege.

We fail to realize that the purpose of elections is to teach us a lesson, not just to fill an office. So, by using our vote foolishly we lose the lesson as well as the officer. Some of us, especially when we don't know the candidate personally, will vote for the cutest or most handsome, or most popular. We often say, "Oh well, nobody else wants the job," or "Besides, he needs the honor points." We ignore qualifications and vote for personalities.

Certainly, all Lamar elections are not run in this manner, but these mistakes have happened in the past. It is our duty to see that they don't happen again. We should remember that all offices are important whether they be senior class president or homeroom eraser duster. We should take our elections more seriously and place qualified leaders in every position.

In the future years, we might be the ones to determine whether America's election methods will win world wide respect or be an international farce.

Pupils Establish
Future Standards

When Lamar first opened its doors, twenty years ago this fall, it was to a handful of students who had been forced to go to "that new school" and leave many friends behind. It seemed impossible that any kind of tradition could grow in such an atmosphere. Yet it is the traditions which grew out of the experiences of that group and all those which followed that make Lamar what it is today.

Editorials in that first paper were so concerned with issues still confronting Lamarites that they could almost be published in a current Lancer with no changes in text. One of the first editorials in the new paper urged students to drive carefully and be patient about parking conditions. It assured them that the east parking lot would be resurfaced soon. Last spring saw the completion of a spacious lot which greatly improved the parking situation around the school.

Another emphasized the importance of good student government, and a careful selection of candidates, which so vitally concerns each of us as fall elections come up both on school and national basis. Lamar students had already begun to realize the importance of filling offices, with eager, capable people.

This year, as we commemorate the twentieth anniversary of Lamar Senior High School, may we all remember that we are establishing precedent and tradition for all the students who follow us. If we keep this thought always in mind, they will conform to our highest ideals and truly be "reaching for the stars."

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Pictures We Wish
We Had Taken

Elvira Garcia's face when she realized her senior ring was caught in the clay in Miss Brown's crafts class.

The formation of the new ROTC cadets marching on the first day.

Tony Curtis—by special request of Sherry Evans.

Mr. Gentry's geniuses flunking their first physics test.

T 7 and T 8 after Denney's Demons got hold of it.

Louise Wright and Pat Faulkner stamping bags for the TAWASI cookie sale in physiology lab.

The look on Linda Hamm's face when a sophomore asked her if she taught here.

Ann Randleman's face when she realized she had "Binged" at the River Oaks Country Club and won \$20.

The bewildered faces of students who are waiting in line for the cold water fountain.

Ann Krieger when she was thrown in a swimming pool, petticoats and all.

The startled faces of the fourth period gym classes when Marilyn Morris, Betsy Smith, Margie Greer, and Nancy Powell pulled off Marilyn Mott's false pony tail.

RECORD RACK

'Hound Dog' Hit
During Summer

BY NANCY RIEDEL

There are many varied opinions of Elvis Presley and his singing, but we all must admit that the "Bouncing Boy" is selling records like crazy.

"Don't Be Cruel" and "Hound Dog" were smash hits during the summer and the record stores are still having trouble keeping them in stock.

What is behind the "Green Door"? This has become quite the question ever since Dot released this unusual tune with the very unusual lyrics by Jim Lowe.

Jimmy Duncan, a local singer and writer, has had two very good hits, "I Asked the Lord" of past months and "The Mountain," still climbing on the Hit Parade.

R. C. A. Victor has released as their special LP of the month "On the Sunny Side" with the Four Lads doing the honors. It's on 33 r.p.m. and has the meager price of one dollar.

Rodger Williams of past "Autumn Leaves" and "Beyond the Sea" fame has released his new album "Music of the Masters" at a special \$2.98. This one may prove to be one of the best.

PROUDLY WE PRESENT ANN, JOHN.

Seniors Plan Drama, Sports

Busy... busy... busy days ahead for active high senior, Ann Whitty. Among the many activities Ann has, drama plays an important part. "I like working on the plays a lot better than being in them," she revealed. "I like to work on them because we have such a good drama department to work with."

In her junior year Ann was elected vice-president of Kappa Delta Drama Club, and is now serving as president. She also served as past secretary of National Thespian, honorary drama society.

Being a member of the Orenda staff takes up much of Ann's time. She has worked on the Orenda for two years and is now Senior Editor. Her main duty is to see that senior pictures and honors are in order.

Winning honors is not uncommon to Ann, who was selected as runner-up for the American Legion Award, vice-president of the Booster Club and maid in the H-O May Fete at Lanier. Many honors have also come her way at Lamar; she has been in the Lamar May Fete two years, is past head of Cherokee Basketball, served on the Student Council, is a member of the "O" association, Quill and Scroll, and is past publicity chairman for Mirabeau Social Club.

Even though Ann holds many jobs and honors, she manages to maintain a 4.7 scholastic average and claims membership in the National Honor Society.

After graduating in January Ann plans to attend Texas University and study interior decorating.

A friendly smile and a peppy "Hi" characterizes John Davis, high senior.

John, who always seems to have a lot of vim and vigor, has lettered on both "B" and "A" basketball teams at Lamar. At Pershing he made all-city in swimming and lettered on the "A" football team.

John has not only brawn, but brains. His low senior average was 5.0. He has been homeroom president twice, Red Cross representative for two years, and has been May Fete escort. Ramal also takes up his time.

Outside of school, John likes to go hunting, fishing, water skiing, and bowling.

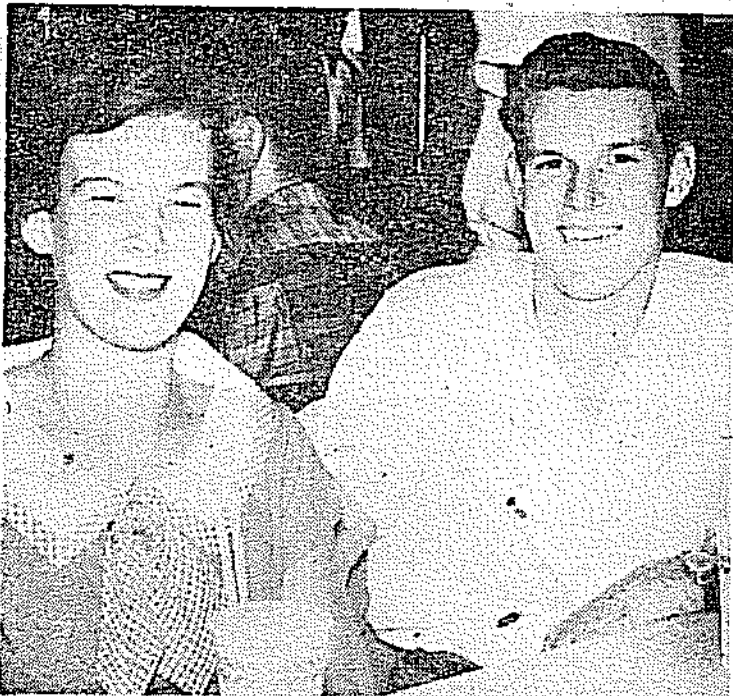
When he was working in Alaska on a pipe line, he shot a 1100 pound moose, a reindeer, and a bear.

When John goes fishing with some of his friends, it is not unusual to see John coming in with a string of forty fish.

On his ranch, John enjoys breaking and riding horses, and training his dogs. He has three cattle dogs and two coon dogs which also are good hobo dogs.

Don't think John is a clumsy athlete for he is an experienced dancer. He has put on exhibitions at Steven's and Hollywood Dance Studios and has helped the studio in teaching Jitterbug.

"I plan to go to Texas University and study Law," exclaimed John. "I shall also take engineering on the side."



COKE TIME FOR SENIORS

Midtermers smile encouragement to Sophomores.

TEACHER LEARNS
NEEDED LESSON

"Keys... Has anyone seen my car keys?"

This was the question Miss Hazelle McCarty, English teacher, was asking all her students. It all happened one morning when Miss McCarty locked her car keys in her car. After realizing where she had left them, she phoned a gas station and an attendant came to her rescue.

"It will never happen again. Now I know how to unlock my car without the keys," Miss McCarty stated.

BOOK BUZZIN'

English Teachers
Rate Books In
Library Manual

A list of recommended books for high school students has been placed in the Lamar library. The list, a 1955 Curriculum Bulletin, was prepared by a committee of Houston teachers.

A group of Lamar English teachers have rated the books in order to help the student select a book suited to his level. The teachers used a system of letters and numbers to represent different grades. A (J) means the book is suitable for junior high students, (1) for freshmen (9th Grade), (2) for sophomores, (3) for juniors, (4) for seniors, and (4x) for above average seniors.

In part one of the reading list, the student will find those stories, novels and plays which are best known. Part two is made up of many other books, both old and new, which have been mentioned in various tests for college entrance purposes.

One example of the rating system is "The Silver Chalice" by Thomas Costain, which is rated 1, 2, 3.

A romance for young girls is "Seventeenth Summer" by Maureen Daly, rated 1, 2.

"Jane Eyre," a classic by Charlotte Bronte, has been judged 2, 3, 4. These three books can now be found in the library.

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HITHER, THITHER

Brains Versus
Dumb Beauty

BY SHERRY EVANS

All right, youse guys! It's time for a little gab about contests. For cryin' out loud! Every time I turn around I see the same names before me. "Helvetia Snornsworth for this, Helvetia Snornsworth for that, Helvetia, Helvetia, Snornsworth, Snornsworth, Snornsworth!" O.K. So this Helvetia what's-er-name is a good kid and all that. Well, so is Matilda Draglowder, and here she is a straight "A" student, holding the supreme position of President of DCOA (Dog Catchers of America). But you vote for Helvetia because, dumb though she is, she's beautiful. Because you vote for beauty, Platypus Slob, a genius if there ever was one, holds the lowly position of "assistant secretary to the under-secretary to the associate secretary of the Chandallier Hanging Committee." Now, both Platypus and Matilda arrived on earth with a good set of brains. And both are well liked. But Platypus, unfortunately, was born with two noses and no head. Matilda, on the other hand, was born with two heads and no nose. So poor Platypus must remain on the Chandallier Hanging Committee, and Matilda must be satisfied with her position in the Dog Catchers Club. Great Honk, people! Vote for 'em! They can't help it if they don't look like Liz Taylor. Neither can Marilyn Monroe, but she did all right!

Speaking of contests, Arved White was just named the ugliest athlete in the whole school. Congratulations, Arved. It couldn't have happened to a more deserving person.

In case you've wondered (and who hasn't?), that strange red object looming in the rear of the school is just one of the shacks after Mrs. Ruth Denney, drama teacher, got hold of it! When completed, it will be a "Theatre in the Round." One day, temporarily losing her sanity, Mrs. Denney asked her students to help name the building. Hooray! Suggestions! "Kachinn Arena"; "Thespian Thircle"; "Tommy's Tune (Thank you, Tommy Tune)"; "Denney's Den (courtesy of guess who!"; and last but not least—CENSORED.

Put down that gun, Mrs. Denney! Mrs. Denney—put down that—Mrs. Denney!

Ed. note: The writer of this column has been temporarily disconnected.

TROT POLL

Tempus Fugits---
With Varied Speed

BY DONNA BELL

Hurrah! Only 83 more days till Christmas or, to be technical, 71 more shopping days. Time is very important but it also is blind because it never stays the same length.

Trot Poll decided to investigate this phenomenon and see just which days got cheated. Most people agree that it's very strange that Thursday and Friday are so long and Saturday and Sunday so short.

Vacation time is cheated, too. School days occupy 275 days while summer lasts only 90. Even the hours are distributed unequally. Notice the difference between five hours on a date and five hours in the principal's office.

Two forty-five and 15 more minutes of school, seems like an eternity. But six forty-five and 15 more minutes of sleep lasts only a wink.

Cheer up, though; time isn't always so cruel. After all, seniors, only 1040 more school hours till graduation.

ALUMNI NEWS

Graduates Enter
Various Colleges

June graduates spent their summers in many different ways. Gwen Dryselius stayed with her sister in Boulder, Colorado, later flying to Sweden together to see their parents before returning to college at the University of Colorado.

Jim Duckett worked at Camp Cheley in Estes Park, Colorado all summer. He plans to enter Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia.

Dianna Riedel spent two months touring Europe with her parents. She will attend Texas Lutheran College in Seguin this year.

Bob Durst was appointed assistant youth director at First Methodist Church, where he was busy working with young people of high school and junior high school age. He will enter Rice this fall.

Ann Koerner and Don Buell played a large part in the Sombrero Swimming Club show at the University of Houston pool several weeks ago. Ann swam in two races, placing second in both, the butterfly breast stroke and the back stroke. Kay Jester and David Abright were there to support them.

The '66 alumni are scattered from coast to coast in colleges all over the country. Buzzy Griffin is going to Washington and Lee in Virginia, Kay Jester to Mt. Holyoke in Massachusetts, Rita Browning to Southwestern, Susan Flude to Duke University in North Carolina, Lucia Thompson to Texas, and Ann Schudy, Brenda Broesche, and Susan Searls to Randolph-Macon.

MAKING THE ROUNDS

Dances Start Social Season

WITH LIGHT BAILEY

Even with Latin, physics, and chemistry, Lamarites find time for many parties.

At the Cheerleaders' Ball, watching Arved White get crowned as the "Ugliest Athlete," were Marynel Taylor and Steele Powers, Susan Nicholson and Glenn House, Gail Schwatne and Amel Rodriguez, Carolyn

Burton and Carlos Hamilton.

The Paragons Dance Club recently saw Gail Norris, Ray Alborn, Joanne Sweet, Scottie Hendricks, Linda Lackner, Nick Kick, Maria Burke, and Buddy Lacy.

Betsy Pearson gave a coko party for Lois Porter, who went to Lamar last year but is going to Holden Arms in Washington, D. C., this year. Among the guests were Betsy Smith, Mary Lib Hams, Jo Ann Dougall, Marilyn Morris, Burdine Anderson, Carol Wilson, Judy Tucker, Nancy Powell, Martha Smith, and Acia Elliot.

Talented Lamar dramatists—Bill Moreland, Bill Stradely, Ruth Day, Sara Churchill, Emily Hamrick, and Nancy Riedel rehearsed several weeks on their church play, "Seventeen."

Pat Manbin, Douglas Dow, Martha Foreman, Maurice Angly, Margie Greer, and Tulane Gordan attended the Carioea Dance on September 15.

Dropping in on both Connie Patton's and Mary Matthews' coko parties were Pauline Lucia, Roberta Williams, Pat Rankin, Karen Price, Ann Rendleman, Judy Holke, Julie Shaw, Margie Greer, and Mary Helen McIntyre.

Cookie Hrdlicka had a going-away coko party for Judy Huggins after school on September 17. Enjoying themselves there were Keith Manett and Mandy Stewart.

Yelling Lamar on to victory at the Corpus game were Annes Geis, James Aston, Ernest Conner, Tommy Feagins, Danna Hopson, Judy Pennington, Lenora Hamilton, Susan Beggs, and Mary Alice Gilley.

Activities Meet Set For Oct. 20 At Houston U

The annual Student Activities Conference of Southeast Texas, sponsored jointly by the University Interscholastic League and the University of Houston will be held Saturday, October 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the University of Houston.

Representatives from Lamar will be named soon.

This conference, for students, teachers, and administrators, consists of perhaps the largest group of high school talent assembled anywhere in the country.

Following an assembly for orientation, there will be sections discussing the various activities, among which are debate, drama, declamation, extemporaneous speech, journalism, number sense, poetry reading, ready writing, slide rule, student council, television and radio, and yearbook.

This year the yearbook and newspaper sections will be separate to give each more opportunity to discuss problems pertaining specifically to each field.

College Societies Reveal Pledges After Rush Week

Rush week ended at the University of Texas on Sunday, September 10. Many ex-Lamarites are now pledges of the various Greek societies. Sorority pledges are as follows:

ALPHA CHI OMEGA: Sharon Sue Dincans and Sandy Rowell.

ALPHA DELTA PI: Margaret Jones, Marcia Sampson, Gretchen Worner, and Alice Wright.

ALPHA EPSILON PHI: Mary Lou Daniels.

ALPHA GAMMA DELTA: Penny Brace, Martivee Curtin, Ann Gaudesque, Winifred Irby, and Myrna Lois Wylie.

ALPHA PHI: Mary Jane Wilkinson.

CHI OMEGA: Marianne Helms, Emory Kelly, Carol Koch, Josephine Lingo, Colleen Mays, Ann Stevens, and Nancy Walker.

DELTA DELTA DELTA: Joyce Bourdon, Pat Burkhardt, Ann Duggan, Dianne Melton, Judy Orchard, Mary Ruth Sheldon, and Jen Tomlinson.

DELTA GAMMA: Janet Allison, Marynelle Davis, Nancy Key Parks, and Linn Pond.

GAMA PHI BETA: Trula Harrison and Connie Stevens.

KAPPA ALPHA THETA: Julie Catterton, Nancy Ferguson, Susan Gresham and Fran Van Zandt.

KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA: Kay Brazelton, Camille Pondren, Mary Gay Maxwell, and Kay Willis.

PHI MU: Janet Ewing.

PI BETA PHI: Fairfax Crow, Nancy Crow, Lacy Edmundson, Sue Stell, and Alice Wheelless.

ZETA TAU ALPHA: Ann Akin, Charlene Markle, Sally Schneider, and Sandy Vail.

Fraternities at the University of Texas have also announced pledges. New pledges who graduated from Lamar are:

ALPHA TAU OMEGA: Norman Ankerman, John Kalb, and Wayland Whipple.

CHI PHI: Andy Hunzicker, Judson Kin and Jim Boone.

DELTA CHI: John Doggett.

DELTA KAPPA EPSILON: Dick Beeler, Tevis Grinstead and Paul Stallings.

KAPPA SIGMA: Bob Carson, Dicky Cutrer, Norman Thompson, Maurice Adams, and Robert Parks.

PHI KAPPA SIGMA: Henry Brooks, Vincent DeFoy, Lewis Foley, Bill Nagel, David Ward, Eddie Engbroek and Dan Armstrong.

PI KAPPA ALPHA: Bill Lipsecomb.

SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON: Jack Enen, Herbie Haschke, and Frank McGehee.

SIGMA CHI: Paul Schoenfield.

SIGMA NU: Louis Chenault.

SIGMA PHI EPSILON: Tom Powell.

LAMDA CHI: Bert Atkins and Dick Benbow.

DELTA EPSILON: Bill Jacobs.

Texas Tech has also completed their rush week. Sorority pledges there are:

DELTA DELTA DELTA: Janice Van Stone.

DELTA GAMMA: Carol Hudson, and Shirley McBride.

GAMMA PHI BETA: Coralee Barrett, Mary Ellen Colbaugh, and Jane Richardson.

PI BETA PHI: Martha Kaiser, Jane Sullivan, and Jane Wight.

ZETA TAU ALPHA: Mary Perry Thompson.

KAPPA ALPHA THETA: Betty Byerly and Beverly Parker.

SIGMA KAPPA: Sandra Kendall.

The sorority pledges at Texas Christian University are:

TRI DELTA: Mary Ann Dillingham and Cynthia Hall.

KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA: Carolyn Morris.

ALPHA DELTA PI: Judy Gilbert and Suzanne Rowe.

At other schools sorority pledges are:

ZETA TAU ALPHA: S.M.U., Barbara Bayer, Camille Crane, Paula Hayes, Ann Lee Moore, Randolph Macon, Brenda Broesche, Raleigh Henderson; Southwestern, Lynn Dee Bryan, Mary Guest; University of Houston, Katherine Barbour, Ellen Via, Joni McConnell, and Nan Moreland.

Science Teachers Go To Austin

Two teachers from the science department will take part in the Third Annual Conference for the Advancement of Science Teaching at Austin.

Mrs. Edna Miner, biology teacher and Miss Frances Hollingsworth, chemistry, will attend the conference which is on October 4-6.

Miss Hollingsworth will speak on high school chemistry. Mrs. Miner will be on a panel which will discuss the Science Incentive Programs. She will represent the Future Scientists of America at the conference.



PRINCIPAL J. H. WRIGHT
First Assistant Principal

Wright Relates School Beginning

Mr. J. H. Wright has been principal of Lamar for three years. From 1937 to 1945 he was assistant principal at Lamar before being promoted that year to Head of Personnel of the Houston Independent School District. He came back to Lamar as principal in 1953 after Mr. W. J. Moyes, Lamar's first principal, retired.

Reminiscing about his first year at Lamar, Mr. Wright relates:

"I was thrilled when I returned from California University in August, 1937, to see in the newspapers that I was transferred from Assistant Principal at Lanier to Assistant Principal at the new Mirabeau B. Lamar high school.

"I had seen the building going up for over two years. I say 'seen' but actually the building was practically obscured by tall Cherokee rose bushes. There were no concrete walks and no paved streets. These were all added later.

"On Monday of the opening day we received some 1200 pupils. Most of them were from San Jacinto; a few were from old Sam Houston; the others from Lanier. Everybody was eager to see what this new school would be like.

"There were meetings by the dozens. Everything had to be started from the beginning, of course. Colors were chosen, Redskins selected as the name of the team, and many clubs organized.

"One day, about the third week, before the front ground was sodded with grass, and after a big rain on the filled-in soil, my most embarrassing moment happened.

"We had just gotten the custodian to clean the first floor corridor spotless to receive the Superintendent and some visitors who were coming out to see the beautiful new building. I looked out the window for them and instead saw a whole class of students dash out into the muddy yard, grab up something and all come tramping back into the building and through the shining corridor.

"The whole first floor was a mess all because the editor of the Lancer (name still not selected) threw a silver dollar out into the mud from the third floor (room 314) and suggested the one who could find it, could have the dollar. (Dollars were worth 100 cents in those days.)

She did it to make a story for the paper. It must have worked for, although it might have caused something besides news then, here it is news twenty years later.

"Also, it might be noted that the original unit of Lamar, which cost \$850,000 in 1937, would cost approximately \$2,500,000 or more today." With the additions that have been made the building is now worth \$3,500,000.

IRATE FATHER GREETS DATE

"I don't have a date with you," he said.

"I don't have a date with you, either," she agreed. Embarrassed into a shade of deep pink, he turned around, tore down her sidewalk, jumped into his car, and zoomed off.

It seems that Bob Geis was slightly confused. He had a date with Charla Elliott, and stopped to pick her up at her home in Tanglewood. (At least he thought it was HER home.) He went up to the door . . . rang the bell . . . heard footsteps . . . the door opened . . . it was . . . Colette Lebourg (and her father).

LAMAR YESTER YEARS

Teachers Recall The Day When --

Over the years Lamar's faculty has increased and faces have come and gone, but people have been present to see Lamar grow and expand. These teachers and administrators are Mrs. Edith Boren, Miss Helen Weinberg, Miss Drew Black Staggs, Miss Alberta Brasher, Mrs. Edith Yantis Cox, Mrs. Edna Wolf Miner, Miss Nell Morris, Miss Julia Pleasants, Mrs. Louise Robb, Mrs. F. V. McDaniel, Mrs. H. L. Sandel, Mrs. T. J. Rowzee, Miss H. Lel Red, Mr. Donald B. Longcope, Mrs. Sarah Earle, and Miss M. Laura Anderson. Some recollections and comments are given here.

Mrs. Edith Boren, registrar, says, "I shall never forget that first day of school when Lamar opened its doors in September, 1937.

"Excitement was high among teachers and students and naturally there was some confusion. However, in a very short time under the expert direction of our principal, Mr. W. J. Moyes, classes started, and believe it or not, everybody had a program all made with classes and teachers assigned!

"In spite of 'opening days'—all twenty of them—I have enjoyed every year at Lamar and I am proud of being one of the original members of the faculty."

Recording her impressions of Lamar, Mrs. Edna Wolf Miner, biology teacher, states that it has been "twenty years of pleasant association with faculty and students, lots of hard work, and many rewarding experiences in the Science Club and in the biology laboratory."

Mrs. Edith Yantis Cox, librarian, explains some statistics about the library. "In 1937," she says, "we had a total of 912 books, many of which were used books from Sam Houston and were in bad condition, but in 1938, the number had risen to 4,500. This seems a very small number, considering that in last June we had 11,456 volumes on the shelves. The school did not receive accreditation until 1938 because the library did not qualify in the number of books and did not teach the use of the library."

Mrs. H. L. Sandel, homemaking teacher, says,

"Lamar—the epitome of senior high schools.

Being a part of the life of our school since its beginning is one of my blessings.

The exceptionally fine student body whose accomplishments in scholarship, drama, sports and social activities have made teaching a rewarding experience instead of a wearing job.

The community who so enthusiastically supports all activities has added a verve to each teaching day.

The satisfaction that comes from being identified with our very capable faculty makes the bond to Lamar everlasting.

Twenty years? It seems only yesterday I came to Lamar on the first day of its existence."

Mrs. Sarah Earle, Spanish teachers, says that she remembers one of the first winters when there was so much snow and mud that school had to be dismissed.

Miss Helen Weinberg, civics teacher, recalls some habits of dress. "One of the striking differences I recall, among others,

Singers Provide Shamrock Show

The Lamar Choralettes under the direction of Mr. Lee S. Keating sang for the Texas Academy of General Practitioners Tuesday, September 18, in the Emerald Room of the Shamrock-Hilton Hotel.

Opening the show with their theme, Indian Love Call, the 125 girls sang "Love Is a Many Splendored Thing," "Night and Day," "He," featuring Linnie Mower, "Autumn Leaves," with Norma Lynn Nolan doing the solo, "The Syncopated Clock," solo by Kay Pope, and closed the show with "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." The Keydettes, a quartet composed of Jenny McCowan, Linda Culver, Kay Womack, and Carolyn Maniha, sang "Jeepers Creepers" and "Cha-Cha Boom."

in school customs of today and those of the first year is the style of dress. The boys wore coats to school.

"Regulation physical education dress was bloomers for the girls," she said. The boys were required to wear shirts with their gym shorts. Girls were not allowed outside the gym in their bloomers. "I recall how horrified one teacher was one day when she looked out of her window on the south side of the building and saw some girls outside in bloomers. She rushed across the hall to Mr. J. H. Wright, then assistant principal, to report the scandalous sight."

Miss M. Laura Anderson, biology teacher, looks back on many of the Lamar graduates, who have done well. "That such a large number of Lamar alumni occupy positions of high leadership, great responsibility, and service, testifies to the fact that Lamar has an excellent student body, and that this school has built solidly and well. Personally, visits and letters from former students voicing their appreciation concerning what Lamar did for them have been a constant source of inspiration."

Mr. J. L. Scardino, printer of the Lancer now, and the one who printed the first paper in 1937, says:

"I recall with a great deal of pride in the knowledge that I had a part in the then early beginning of the Lamar Lancer; and I am greatly appreciative of the fact that we are still serving the Lancer."

Old Lancer Files Reveal Incidents Concerning 1937

By TOM BAYER

The first issue of the "Lancer" was published October 7, 1937, a few weeks after the opening of the new Mirabeau B. Lamar High School. Here are a few items derived from that issue:

27 Lamar Students A. W. O. L.

The Lamar R. O. T. C. had 100 boys enrolled but only 73 could be accounted for. (Didn't they know the army never accepts resignations?)

The Lamar Lancer got its name from the unit of the Texas army to which Mirabeau B. Lamar belonged.

Lamar High School became the proud possessor of a new Public Address system which provided a 2-way speaker in each room. Two miles of wiring were needed to install the system. (In time, many students and teachers have mastered the art of sign language.)

Lamar's first class in dramatics met on September 27, 1937, in room 300, at 5:15 period. This was the only class in dramatics and eighteen students were enrolled in it. (Presently, the Drama Department not only has 105 enrolled, but has a building of its own in which to present its plays.)

"The Big Apple" was the latest rage at Lamar. This dance was a combination of recent dance fads "Truckin'" and the "Susie-Q" in which the couples formed a circle and danced to the directions of a caller. (Anyone for the "Big Apple Bop"?)

The Metropolitan Theatre (for one week only) was showing "Life Begins at College" starring the Ritz Brothers, Fred Stone, and Gloria Stuart. (Bet that was a hum-dinger!)

All fraternities and sororities in the public schools were banned by the Houston School Board. Over 600 Lamar students were affected by this action. All charters were returned to their respective national headquarters. Charitable and literary clubs were organized to replace the fraternities and sororities.

The Lamar Redskins met the Goose Creek (Baytown) Canóers Friday night in an effort to make a comeback after their previous loss to Sam Houston 20 to 7, in Buff Stadium Saturday night. Lamar stands fourth in the district, having played two games and lost two games. (They didn't have Jimmy Allison playing in 1937!)

Lamar's first Ice Hockey team under the direction of Coach Donald Longcope met for its first practice at Polar Wave Ice Palace on a sunny Saturday in

Principal Moyes Served 16 Years

Mr. W. J. Moyes, now retired, was Lamar's first principal. He came from the old Sam Houston High School where he was principal for 13 years, from 1934 to 1947. In 1953, Mr. Moyes retired, after 16 years as principal of Lamar.

"We set ourselves the ideals of scholarship and high achievement," Mr. Moyes stated. "I think Lamar has lived up to those ideals through the years."

History Teacher Palamar Sponsor

Mrs. Ruth Neyland, American History Teacher will succeed Mrs. Helen Yost as sponsor of Palamar, girls' social club, it was announced recently. The selection was made by Principal J. H. Wright and Mrs. Ruth Leavell, dean.

"The Palamar girls are a wonderful group, and I will certainly enjoy the association," Mrs. Neyland said. As for their aim this year, it will be the same as always, according to their new sponsor—"to be of some service to the school, and to present something special to the student body at the end of the year."

Speaking of the former sponsor of the club, Mrs. Neyland said, "Mrs. Yost is a wonderful person, and I hope I will be able to follow in her footsteps."

October of 1937. The team competed against several other high schools. Uncle Don's quite a versatile fellow! Civics, Ice Hockey, Basketball. . . .)

Lamar's first pow wow (social event) of the year for students was held on a Tuesday after school at 3:30 in the gymnasium. Admission was 25 cents a couple. Entertainment was provided by the classes. (No comment.)

Why is it that only one out of every three water fountains in Lamar is a cold water fountain and the other two, luke warm fountains? Back in 1937, the Houston School Board ruled that drinking cold water would be detrimental to the health of many students. (So there you are!)

Traffic around Lamar was about as big a problem in 1937 as it is in 1956. Students in 1937 offered many suggestions to solve the problem, two of which are: (1) When and if Westheimer Road and Buffalo Speedway are paved, wide sidewalks be laid on both sides of the street and (2) Extend the Houston city limits to include Lamar so that signs reading "School Zone—10 mile speed limit" could be put up. (Did they say it would help to have the streets paved?)

Lamar's first school directory was out December 3, 1937, under the direction of the library. It contained 1,391 names of students and teachers. (Lamar has grown to the cozy size of 2,013!)

Top hits at Lamar in early 1938 were "The One I Love Best," "Star Dust," "Rock It for Me," "You're a Sweetheart," "Whistle While You Work," "Thanks for the Memory," "Ten Pretty Girls," "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes," "Always and Always," and the "Dipseys Doodle."

An Amateur Hour (sponsored by the Traffic Patrol and the Lancer) was presented in the auditorium, Friday, October 29, at 2:30, for the benefit of a fund raised to pay for patrol badges. Prizes went to the registration of the winners who were picked by applause. Admission was 10 cents.

Teachers joining the Lamar staff in February 1938 were Mrs. Elanor Huddleston (from Deady) and Mr. H. E. Butler (from San Jacinto).

The Lamar Lancer in 1937 was published bi-monthly. There were eight issues and the subscription was \$3.35 per semester. In early 1938, the Lancer added the "Rough Rider" of the Theodore Roosevelt High School in Honolulu, Hawaii, to its exchange list.

Club Names Have Special Meanings; Thanks To Indians

Do you feel at home on the "Lamar Indian Reservation?" Do you know any of the meanings of the club names? Would you be able to give the right answer if someone said to you, "Say, what does Orenda mean?"

A lot of the organizations at Lamar have names taken

Trotter Picked Historians Head

Mary Trotter was elected president of the Texas History Club at its first meeting Thursday, September 20.

Other officers for the fall semester are Kyra Kerr, vice-president; Mary Lee Thompson, corresponding secretary; Kay McRay, recording secretary; Graeme Meyers, treasurer; Marilyn Cowden, parliamentarian; Annette Garrison, chaplain; and Carolyn Fuselier, Lancer reporter. Wanda Wendlandt will be in charge of the club scrapbook.

The Texas History Club, now in its fourth year, is planning many activities which include field trips to various places of note in Texas' history, according to Miss Frances Nesmith, sponsor.

WRITER'S CRAMP

Sonnet Perfect, States Magazine

This sonnet received honorable mention from the Atlantic Monthly magazine and was declared a perfect example of a sonnet.

How I have tried to lock you in my mind,
Secure in some deep treasure chamber there,
And hide you in a camouflaging snare
Within my heart's soft drapery!
I find
It is impossible to hold and bind
Within those narrow limits such a fair
But puissant one. No matter with what care
I lock the gate, you rise up from behind
Its stiff restraint and show your face above
The door. You overflow my love-full heart
And shine within my eyes. One time you drove
My bitter thoughts away into a part
That was obscurity, and still, my love,
They fly before your beauty and depart.
—By Beth Clark

Student Council Representatives Are Selected

Student Council representatives have been elected for this year. They are high seniors Dianne Donnelly, Edna Rogers, and Ann Whitty.

Low seniors Andrea Austin, Susan Beggs, Chuck Caldwell, Laurie Daniels, Ned Doak, Tommy Feagin, Judy Greenway, Carlos Hamilton, Glenn House, Kathy Lacy.

Homer Luther, Carolyn Meek, Judy Pennington, Charlene Prescott, David Sanderson, Ann Staples, Earl Vanzant, Peggy Wheeler.

High juniors Steve Farson, Lou Ann Haarmann, Lee Raesner.

Low juniors Frances Allegret, Bonnie Bryan, Scott Charlton, Jo Ann Dougal, Patricia Freal, Charles Giraud, Mary Sue Hanks, Lillian Jungle, John Kilgore.

Reed Martin, Barry Moore; Nancy Pollard, Rachael Richardson, Penny Smith, Billy Spangler, Sim Wade, Ronnie Woliver.

High sophomores Sharon Chansler, Betty Knauth, Bill Sherman, George Watson.

Low sophomores Judy Anderson, Barbara Breedlove, Carol Childress, Nancy Culbertson, Steve Engberg, Carol Fannin, Mike Hall, Mike Huddleston, Meredith Ingram, Steve Ley, Katherine McMahon, Marietta Morris, Gail Norris, Sandra Plitt, Pat Shannon, Carmen Stallings, Woody Tompkins, Susan Vogt, Tom Wise.

from Indian words and many of them have a special meaning pertaining to the organization to which they belong.

Now, to make everyone a well-informed Indian, here is the needed information, some of our club meanings:

Orenda—"Great Spirit"
Irtari—"Imi Irtari"—"Brothers Always"

Lawosi—"Friendship"
Niwauna—"We Are Alive, Let's Stay That Way"

How-Wow—Indian name for meeting

Palamar—"Friend of Lamar"—Combination of Pal and Lamar

Ramal—Lamar Backwards
Chums—Charity, Hospitality, Usefulness, Merit, Scholarship

Wapika—"Skill"

Wowapi—"Painted Picture"

Sequoyha—Named for tribe of Indians

Kachina—"Interpreter" or "Actor"

Cherokee—Competition, Health, Everybody, Responsibility, Others, Kindness, Excellence, Enthusiasm.

"Cherokee Rose" which is the school flower.

STAFF SHRUGS AT 'DISASTER'

Over the click-clack of the typewriters and the bedlam of the day-before-deadline chaos in the Lancer room, with everyone scurrying all about in search of a lost assignment, Barbara Ekblad suddenly shrieked, "Oh! I've lost a hand!"

Receiving no sympathy from the busy, heartless staff members, she demanded, "Has anyone seen a hand?"

When a few nonchalant glances were finally cast her way, she exclaimed in hurt indignation, "Oh, well, it was just one of the little hands off my charm bracelet, thank goodness."

New Club Members

(Continued from Page 1)

Fisher, Martha Finney, Judy Fleming, Mary Kay Gibson, Katherine Hankamer, Sallie Klep, Betty Knauth, Mary Matthews, Maureen Miller, Margaret Mills, Marilyn Mott, Ann Rendleman, Susie Rhodes, Rachel Richardson, Kay Robinson, Betty Scott, Martha Taylor, Barbara Sue Thompson, Virginia Wagner, and Diane Wilson.

Chums: Martha Baker, Cynthia Collett, Robie Craze, Betty Dixon, Ann Darby, Karen Keathley, Dorthia Cohler, Karen Kuhne, Diane Wooten, and Sue Wooten.

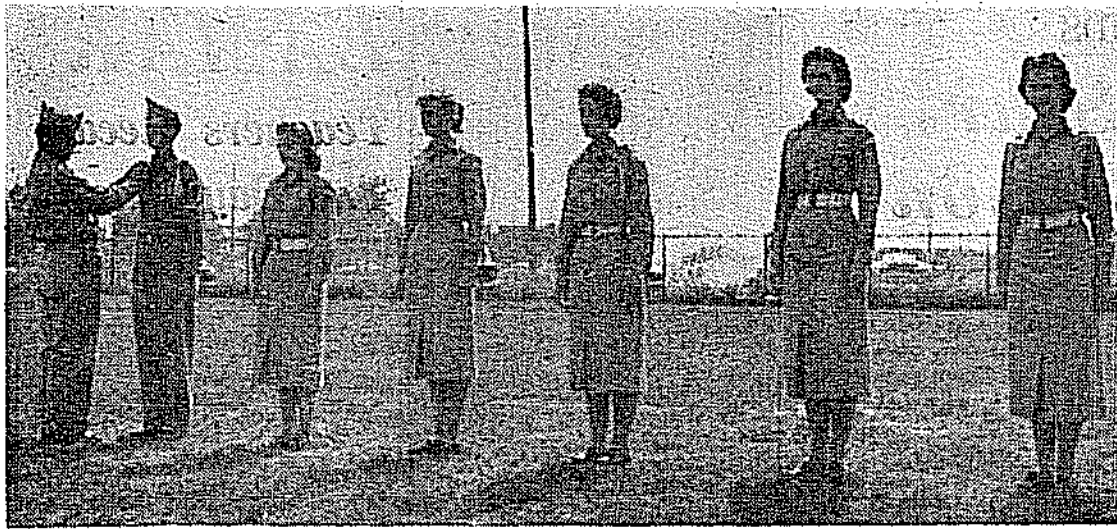
Tawasi: Dean Couch, Pam Farrell, Susan Forrester, Carolyn Heath, Pat Isaacs, Carol Janaba, Mary Kay Manning, Christine Miller, Susan Powell, Molly Seroggins, Harriette Stevens, Jo Ellen Sergerner, Julie Travenicht, and Carolyn Williams.

Ramal: Francis Allegret, Ronnie Armor, Martin Arthur, Edie Boudraux, Brooks Bouldin, Gary Colabretta, Johnathan Day, David Dixon, Jim Elliott, Mike Estes, Robert French, Mike Hill, Marion Lindsay, Halstad McAdoo, Kimball McMann, Jon Montague, Allen Nichols, Pason Schaffer, Bill Sinclair, Phillip Smith, Wade Whilden.

Pow Wow: Bill Cole, Barry Leigh, Ronnie Jacobs, Pat Marshall, Aaron Parker, Jim Carroll, Tucker Willis, Bill Kirkgard, Charlie Suessmuth, Ray Moses, Jim Sartwell, Bill Gay, Harold Ward, Bob Winegar, Louie Brazzelton, Richard Harris, George Watson, and John Stanford.

Irtari: Ronnie Hoover, Giles

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ROTC OFFICERS, SPONSORS PROMOTED

Earl Vanzant, Arlene Strong, Virginia Williams, Nancy Ley, Marlene Hayes, and Annette Webb receive their Reserve Officers Training Corps promotions from Sergeant Gerald A. Aubin, Assistant Commandant. Earl Vanzant, Battalion Commander, was promoted from Second Lieutenant to First Lieutenant. Promoted to Second Lieutenant were Arlene Strong, "B" Company Sponsor; Virginia Williams, Linda Moehlman, Nancy Ley, Harriet Diamond, and Marlene Hayes, Battalion Sponsors; and Annette Webb,

"A" Company Sponsor. Bill Stradley, "B" Company Commander, was also promoted to Second Lieutenant.

After school Wednesday, September 20, the ROTC held its first Retreat at the front of the school. Earl Vanzant commanded the Battalion, Eddie Marston, the "A" Company, and Charles McMurrrough, "B" Company. This year's ROTC enrollment has improved, but students interested in ROTC are still urged to enroll, Lieutenant Davaid N. Parker, Commandant, said.

Band Practices Each Afternoon

"To play good music and to be a precision drill squad as well is the two fold job of this year's Lamar marching band," Mr. Edward Trongone, band director, stated.

Duties of the 45 members include knowing all music by memory, and learning a new drill routine for every football game.

Stepping out in front, Mary Helen Gibson, band sweetheart, and Gary Webb, Commander, lead the band in all their drills. As a group they practice sixth period and after school every day.

Approximately 65% of the boys take private training on their instruments, Mr Trongone said.

Awahoo Officers

The Awahoo club has announced its officers for the coming year, who were elected at a meeting on Tuesday, September 18. They are Walter Conrad, president; Gary Webb, vice president; Jim Greenman, secretary; Harry Lawson, treasurer; Everett Frizzell, chaplain. Mr. Calvin Gentry is the sponsor.

INDIGNANT MISS MISSES WAY

On the first day of school, Linda Hamm, feeling very big and seniorish, walked down the halls of Lamar.

Feeling a tap on her shoulder Linda turned to meet a friendly "Hi." She condescendingly (for the party was obviously a sophomore) returned the greeting.

Then the sophomore struck a killing blow. "Is this your first day, too?" he inquired.

Feeling the urge to kill, Linda replied that she planned to graduate this year and then the poor frustrated senior proceeded to lose her way to class.

Officers Elected For Science Club

Phillip McKenzie was elected president of the Lamar chapter of the Junior Academy of Science for the coming year at a meeting Monday, September 17. Jim Collins was elected vice president; Jo Edith Cardenas, secretary; and Charles McMurrrough, treasurer. Mrs. Edna Miner, sponsor, announced that Mrs. Dorothy Richter will serve as co-sponsor of the Science Club this year.

Plans were discussed for trips to a Science convention at Abilene in December and to the Science Fair in March.

The Science Club meets after school on Mondays in Room 108. Dues are \$1 and membership is open to anyone interested in science.

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New Teacher Says Schools Differ Much

Lamar's newest teacher has had many more exciting experiences than most students realize. Dr. Frank D. Peto, German teacher, came to America in 1950 from Austria.

Just after World War II he fled to Austria to escape arrest in Hungary. Dr. Peto received most of his education in Hungary where the schools are much different from the American ones, he stated.

Most schools in Hungary are co-educational, but the better ones are non-co-educational. Students start gymnasium, or high school, when they are 10 and finish at 18, he said. A school starts at 8:00 a.m. and is out at 1:30, however, they go to school six days a week instead of five.

The typical schedule is eight years of Latin, four of Greek, five of German, five of math, and two of geometry, he added. There are very few outside activities because most of the time is spent studying.

Dr. Peto received his Ph. D. at the University of Paris. After arriving in the United States he worked in Toledo, Ohio, then came to Houston where he has his own business.

POSITIVE FACT ISN'T SO NOW

It is said that boys really cover their books to stay. This point was officially proven the other day during Mrs. Josephine Cloud's second period English class.

While discussing the lesson for the day, Mrs. Cloud was secretly looking to see if everyone's book was covered. "George!" said Mrs. Cloud, referring to George Carroll, "Is that your book over there without a cover?"

"Well, yes and no, Mrs. Cloud," answered George. "This is my book all right and I have a cover, but it's not on the book. It's over there on the floor. The wind just blew it off!"

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All Tales Tell Of Troubles

Think you've got troubles? Feel that the world's against you? Well, if you do feel that way, don't think that you're alone.

The Lancer, by asking various people around Lamar, boys and girls, from seniors to sophomores, and teachers, what their main problems are, has found that Lamarites have some pretty big worries which range from getting into college to their baby alligators.

One social club president said that his main trouble is his club, and several students said that they worried most about worrying. Others replied that their main problem is "my car" or "my job" or "my father's illness."

Most of the girls answered with replies such as "Russell," "Ben's not here," or just plain "Boys!" Other feminine troubles were figures, clothes, and grades. Many of the girls had trouble

finding one main problem. They replied, "I've got lots of little ones, but no big ones, really."

Contrasting with the girls, the boys never said anything directly about girls, but they did mention "getting the car" and "where to get more money."

Of course there were a few offbeats.

Tom Mayor, senior, whispered in an evil voice. "Can't you guess?"



HOW ABOUT THIS—asks Mrs. Ruth Denney, coach. Both will represent Lamar in the coming drama director, of Mr. Winston Miller, debate Nacogdoches Speech Conference.

Coaches Denney, Miller Attend Speech Convention

Two Lamar teachers, Mrs. Ruth Denney, drama director, and Mr. Winston Miller, debate coach, will take an active part in the meeting of the Texas Speech Teachers Association in Nacogdoches, on October 12 and 13.

Mrs. Denney, who is also Regional Director of the National Thespian Society, will appear on a panel discussion of "How to Win Contests and Influence People" at the Nacogdoches Conference. On October 25-27, she will attend the Southwest Theater Conference in Austin, where she will participate in a symposium discussion of "Selecting the Senior High School Play."

Mr. Miller, who is also District

Chairman of the Texas-Louisiana district of the National Forensic League will propose the adoption of two new speech events in Inter-scholastic League Competition — dramatic interpretation and original oratory. On November 4

and 5 he will appear before the Advisory Council of the Inter-scholastic League to present the decision of the Speech Association, Larry Wolf will accompany him to demonstrate the proposed events before the Council.

United Fund Time Proves Enlightening

A tour through Faith Home, Lighthouse for the Blind, and the Goodwill Industries was a pre-season preview of the work hoped to be achieved by the fall United Fund Drive. The tour took place on September 25.

Seven Lamar students attended this tour. They were Mike Davis, Sally Mills, Tom Bouldin, Walter Conrad, Carlos Hamilton, Donna Bell, and Gary Webb. At a later date these students will make speeches concerning the effect of the United Fund support on the above organizations.

Faith Home, a home for children who have no definite means of support, takes care of approximately 100 children. There are about 100 more children boarded and reared in private homes. This group is supported almost entirely by the United Fund.

The home is built with facilities which are designed as nearly like a normal home as possible. The children live in small cottages with a cottage mother. Each cottage is equipped with a piano and television set as well as other household furniture.

The children have many amusements including camping trips, movies, and rodeos.

The Lighthouse for the Blind is an organization designed to remove any fear or lost faith in one's self because of blindness. It is a place dedicated to rebuilding hope and dreams which may have been discarded when blindness came. It receives a major portion of its support from the United Fund.

The "Lighthouse" is a training center for blind people which make up the entire staff. After learning a trade or trades, they secure a job and lead a normal life.

The Goodwill Industry is main-

tained for people who are physically handicapped. Its main purpose is to regenerate hope and faith in life first, and then to teach the physically handicapped trades. The industry helps find jobs for these people after they finish their training. The people associated with the industry repair and sell furniture and clothes; thus making the agency practically self supporting.



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Amel Attends National J. A. During August

Amel Rodriguez, low senior, attended NAJAC, the National Junior Achievement Conference, at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, during the week of August 19-26.

Now in his second year of Junior Achievement, Amel was chosen along with eleven other Achievers, on the basis of attendance, outstanding service, and hard work.

Delegates from all over America were present at the conference, which discussed ways of improving sales and production in the companies. NAJAC, like most other conventions, elected officers. This was the part Amel enjoyed most.

"The trip was a wonderful experience," Amel explained. "I think anyone who gets into J. A. will certainly enjoy it, and after a month will probably know more about business than he ever dreamed possible."

Kachina Purpose Told At Meeting; Points Explained

The first meeting of Kachina, drama club, was held Tuesday, September 17. Ann Whitty, president, presided.

"The purpose of Kachina is to have someone to back our productions, to help sell tickets, to make posters, and to apply make-up," stated Ann. "It is a club for anyone interested in any form of drama," she said.

In order to stay in Kachina, one must have at least three Thespian points. These may be earned by doing some form of Kachina work.

Kachina is perhaps a stepping stone toward Thespians, the National Honor Society of Drama. Ten Thespian points make one eligible for this club.

To be a "Demon or Doll," the backstage workers, one must be an outstanding Thespian interested in work behind the scenes. This club is the Arrowhead of Drama.

Kachina Officers for this year are Ann Whitty, president, Mike McKaughan, vice-president; Carol Vincent, secretary; and Claudia Frazer, treasurer.

Thespian officers include Joanne Sweet, president; Jerry Wright, vice-president; Gaye Irving, secretary; and John Heard, treasurer.



ARVED WHITE

Cheerleaders Crown Arved Ugly Athlete

Ugh, what a mug!

Arved White, low senior, was tagged "The Ugliest Athlete" at the Cheerleaders' Ball Saturday, September 15, in the girls' gym.

Calling "time out" from dancing, the cheerleaders announced Arved's title by placing an Indian head-dress on his head.

To add to his regalia, Arved was given a miniature football, a pint-sized catcher's mitt, and a baseball. Also, Richard Tinsley, cheerleader, shot him with a toy bow and arrow.

Representing other schools at the dance were two cheerleaders from San Jacinto and three from Austin.

Qualifying Test For All Seniors To Be October 24

The Scholarship Qualifying Test, scheduled for Wednesday, October 24, is available to any high or low senior. Seniors in the upper five per cent of their class may take the test without cost. The others in the class, regardless of rank, are required to pay a dollar for admission.

The test is administered by the Educational Testing Service on behalf of the College Entrance Examination Board. The Scholarship Qualifying Test fills the need for one test adapted to similar selection requirements of many other scholarship programs. By taking this one test, high school seniors are eligible to be considered for a number of scholarships offered by various organizations.

Six Additional Rooms Elect Fall Officers

Homeroom officers have been elected in six more homerooms. They are as follows:

L2-15: Bob Shirley, president; Pat Shannon, student council representative; Judy Rice, Red Cross representative; June Ruffs Scott, Lancer representative.

Miss Frances Nesmith's L3-14: Pat Sherrill, president; Sheila Scott, vice-president; Marcia Selby, secretary; Molly Scroggins, treasurer; Penny Smith, Student Council; Phillip Smith, Junior Cabinet; Joanne Smith, Red Cross.

Miss Inez Bryan's L4-2: John Biggs, president; Jimmy Burtrand, vice-president; Evelyn Beular, secretary-treasurer; Mike Bowen, Student Council; Tom Bouldin, Senior Cabinet; Kathleen Bowlin, chaplain; Sally Bell, Lancer representative.

Mrs. Edna Miner's L4-10: George Lanier, president; Karen Kuhne, vice-president; Kathy Lacy and Kristiana Kolb, secretaries; Ann Kriegel, treasurer; Kathy Lacy, student council.

Mrs. Videlle Wilson's L4-18: Kitty Young, president; Ralph Wells, vice-president; Dianne Wooten, secretary; Peggy Wheeler, Student Council; Milton Womack, Lancer representative.

Mrs. Eleanor Huddleston's L2-8: Pat Haragan, president; Hank Hess, vice-president; Tom Herren, secretary-treasurer; Mike Hattwick, student council representative; Marty Heinen, Lancer representative; and Wayne Hawkins, Red Cross.

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SMOKE SIGNALS

By JOE WHEAT

"B" FOOTBALL

Baytown's "Suicide Squad" was really suicide for Lamar's Junior Varsity as the papooses fell to an 18-6 defeat Saturday, September 15.

Starting backs for the Redskins were Paul Stewart, Don McClure, Bob Rawson, and Don Hanna.

Arlen Fair, in the backfield spot, did a fine job of passing the pigskin for extra yardage.

Bert Kivell also connected for 2 out of 3 passes.

Passes were also the cause of Lamar's one touchdown as Don McClure intercepted a pass and ran it back fifty yards for the score.

During the game Lamar threatened twice but did not score.

Smiley High School's varsity routed Lamar's reserve players by two touchdowns in an evenly matched contest the night of the varsity tilt at Corpus Christi.

The broken field running of Smiley's Woody Lynch racked up both of Smiley's touchdowns; one on the opening kickoff and another on a punt return.

The Lamar team played good all-round ball, holding the Smiley team to reasonable gains.

Buddy Ives, Don McClure, and Arlen Fair all played good offensive and defensive ball.

Smiley's sportsmanship was exceptional on the field and off and brought good comment from the Lamar team.

The Lamar B team, composed entirely of sophomores, trampled over the Freeport Junior Varsity 20-0 Thursday, Sept. 20.

With a backfield of Dick Cooksey and Buzzy Creekmore and a line of 195 pounds average, the Lamar B team will be hard to beat.

Buzzy Creekmore intercepted a pass and ran 60 yards for one of the three touchdowns.

Dick Cooksey, who is a potential great for the varsity, ran sixty yards for the second "skin" tally.

Miller Defeated In 4th Quarter By Redskins 7-0

By JOE WHEAT

Lamar's passing combination of Lee Raesener and David Hamilton carried the Redskins to a 7-0 victory over the favored Miller Buccaneers Friday, Sept. 21, in the Buccaneer stadium at Corpus.

Lamar's victory marked the first Miller defeat in their own stadium since the Buccaneer Coach Tom Pruitt took over in 1953. Miller's record of 22 of 24 games won in their own stadium dates back to early in 1952 when Beaumont's South Park won a close decision 19-13.

The 16 yard pass from Raesener to Hamilton came in the 4th quarter after three blank quarters of play.

Miller threatened several times but fumbles and staunch line play prevented the Buccaneers from scoring.

Miller drove to the 24 and 21 yard lines before Lamar's touchdown but were thwarted by the "Skin" defense.

The starting lineup for Lamar was, on the line (left to right): Danny Pederson, Jim Allison, Sonny Young, Buddy Lacy, Ray Albourn, Arved White and John Biggs. In the backfield was Lee Raesener, Bunky Caldwell, Mike Bowen, and David Hamilton.

Robert Blackbird on defense acted like he was a charter member of the Miller backfield who was disgruntled over a decision they made and knocked them around for a negative ten yards or so to appease his disappointment.

Linebackers Mike Bowen and Jimmy Brack also did a pretty suave job of closing on any attempt the Bucs tried up their way. Around the ends Barnett Garrison and Jarred Sloan consistently forced the play on towards the sideline, where from the stands the Buccaneer backs looked pretty good but in reality they just weren't gaining very much yardage. End George Carroll caught a short pass with a devil-may-care attitude as Miller backs rocked him to the ground in an unsuccessful attempt to separate George and his friend ye olde football.

SWIMMING

The Lamar tankmen, who lost the state meet last year by four points with mostly a junior and sophomore team, this year have a more experienced and older team and a very good crop of sophomores.

Even now the enthusiastic swimmers have a rigid schedule of calisthenics every day that they aren't swimming.

Coach Harold Tate, who started last year as swimming coach, drove his team just short of the state title that year. This year he expects his team to go all the way.

BASKETBALL

Lamar's crack basketball team should make a big commotion in the state playoffs if they get past the local competition, which promises to be pretty rugged. Some of the varsity this year are Barnett Garrison, Arved White, David Hamilton, George Carroll, J Taylor, Lee Raesner, Glenn House, Jarred Sloan, Harold Feldt, Louie Brazelton, and Jim Brock.



Jimmy Bertrand; B-Ball; Racket And Brunette!

"I play tennis to sharpen up my reactions for basketball, and I play basketball to sharpen up the old endurance for tennis."

"Very clear, Jimmy Bertrand, very clear." We also notice it's a very clever way to keep your coaches confused about which sport ranks foremost with you.

So it goes with this 6 ft. 4 inch low senior, who can usually be found sharpening his shooting eye on the old garage backboard at his house on Inwood Drive, or slamming the tennis ball around at River Oaks recreation center.

Jimmy got his start in basketball when he was an old man of twelve on Trinity Episcopal's fourteen and under team. From there he graduated through Lancer's "B" and varsity teams, and likewise through Lamar's where he's a starting forward.

If his tennis game develops as well as it did last year, Jimmy will probably be a boy to reckon with at the state tournament the last weekend in May. As for local competition, he pretty well mopped up on most of the local talent last year, and a lot of the boys graduated.

EDITOR'S NOTE TO ALL FEMALE SOPHOMORES: You're way too late; a certain brunette has Jimmy on the "Taken" list already.

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CHEROKEE PLANS ACTIVITIES

Sophomore girls! Did you know that you are a member of Cherokee Club?

Cherokee is the girls' sports club which sponsors all sports tournaments held at Lamar.

This fall, Cherokee will hold tournaments in badminton, basketball, bowling, and volleyball, and in the spring tournaments will be held in archery, softball and tennis.

In each sport letters are given to the winners, and awards are presented to those girls having the most points in a certain time. Points may be obtained by just taking part in these tournaments. A "Cherokee Rose" will be given to girls who take part in five tournaments.

Pictured are Cherokee officers, top, Sue Wooten, badminton; Starlett Smith, swimming; Carolyn Burton, softball; Sharon Strong, bowling; Penny Hess, archery. Seated, Light Bailey, vice-president; Judy Ley, president; Jackie Rice, secretary. Bottom row, Amy Bradford, volleyball; Gee Gee Kamrath, tennis; Peggy Johnston, basketball; and Diane Jones, modern dancing.

PIGSKIN POINTERS

Before Kickoff Info-- So Females Won't Ask

By TOM MAYOR

It has come to the attention of the Lancer staff that many Lamar students would like to know more about the game of football. This is the first in a series of articles explaining the basic rules, regulations, and tactics.

Although the rules and regulations of football are many, the basic ones are easily understood.

The field itself is 100 yards long and 60 yards wide. For convenience in measuring first downs, it is marked every five yards with a chalk line. At each end of the field there is a ten yard end zone with the goal posts situated in the middle of the back line.

A high school game consists of four 12 minute periods. Between

halves there is a 15 minute break.

Four officials supervise the game, the referee, the umpire, the linesman, and the field judge. The referee stays behind the team with the ball (offensive team) and is in over-all charge. He places the ball, declares it ready for play, and rules on all scores.

Before the game, the rival captains meet with the referee for a coin toss. The winner has the option of deciding which team will kick off or which goal his team will defend. The loser has whichever option is left. At the start of the second half, the options are reversed.

The kickoff begins the game. The team that is kicking lines up behind the ball on the forty yard line. All the players on the receiving team must be at least ten yards away from the ball. On the kickoff, the ball is free and may be picked up by the kicking team if it has passed the 50-yard line. If a kickoff goes out of bounds, the ball must be re-kicked. If it is kicked out of bounds again, the receiving team takes possession of the ball. Aside from the kickoff that begins the game, there is a kickoff after each score and before the start of the second half.

After the kickoff play ends, the referee puts the ball in play from scrimmage. In scrimmage, the teams line up on opposite sides of the ball and must not have any part of their body farther upfield than the ball. The action starts when the offensive center snaps the ball and ends when the referee blows his whistle, showing that the runner has been tackled.

20 YEARS AGO

In 1937, just 20 years ago, Lamar fielded its first football team under coach Ed Duggan, who coached until 1947.

The skins won their first game with Humble, but inexperience took its toll the remainder of the season. Coach Duggan lettered nineteen boys.

Sweaters were blue with the letters being slightly different from the present ones.

1938 proved a more victorious year, and after twenty-six boys received letters, Lamar was on their way toward being the team to beat in Texas.

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Milby, Davis Seek Revenge In City Play

Milby and Jeff Davis will face the Redskins as Coach Fred Pepper's championship hopeful tribe readies for district play.

Both Milby and Davis, badly beaten in their season openers, are expected to field an experienced team to test the Indians.

'Skins Inches From Victory In 20-20 Tie

Lamar's offensive squad of Hamilton, Raesner, and Caldwell ran up 298 yards rushing Friday, September 28, (best yardage of the season) to tie the Pasadena Eagles 20-20 for the Redskins second tie of three games.

Lamar's David Hamilton, before a crowd of 6000 people, scored all three of Lamar's touchdowns and both extra points. Hamilton's runs of 18 and 33 yards racked up two tallies for Lamar. A 13 yard John Wolf pass to Hamilton resulted in the middle score.

As the second quarter rolled around, the Eagles finally came to life and scored one touchdown in the third quarter and another in the fourth.

Pasadena's wild-legged Bert Coan supplied the all-important yardage gained while quarterback Charles Hall bulled over for the scores.

In the closing plays of the game, Lee Raesner, with 53 seconds left, made a 16 yard run to the Eagle four yard line after two five-yard penalties. A two-yard plunge put the ball on the two yard line when the gun sounded ending the game and a final bid to break the gruesome tie.

Fullback Bunky Caldwell smashed the Pasadena line frequently for extra yardage and set up the first Lamar touchdown with a 66 yard quick kick. Also on defense he intercepted two Pasadena aeriels.

Coach Lee Beeson's Milby Buffaloes take to the field October 6 led by all-city candidate Bobby Goodwin.

Goodwin, a 190 pound center, is the only returning regular from the 1955 team.

On either side of Goodwin will be guards Jimmy Shaddon, 175, and Billy Phillips, 185.

The tackles will be manned by Elgin Plummer, 180, and Billy Mussey, 200.

Gene Oliver, 175, and Eugene Bunton, 175, will man the end positions.

Directing the Buffaloes' T formation will be 165 pound Charles Dinhuhe who played the guard slot last season.

The only sophomore to crack the starting lineup is Walter Grimes, 170, who teams up with Don Mitchell, 140, to fill the halfback posts.

Grimes, along with fullback Don Reidelberger, are expected to furnish the power, while Mitchell, the fastest man on the squad, offers the outside threat.

The Jeff Davis Panthers will try to avenge last year's defeat October 12 when they test Lamar's rugged defense.

Leading the assault will be fullback Jerry Sparks, a converted quarterback who can run, pass, and kick. At 190 pounds, he is one of the hardest runners in the city.

Sparks will be supported by halfback Ray Dupree, 145, and Allan Hawkins, 160.

The quarterback spot will be adequately handled by 160 pound Jimmy Goddard.



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