

# **Irvin Memories**

## **The Irvin Observer**

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## *Rocket Band Gets Trophy*

"What's in the package with the pretty purple bow?" Questions such as this were asked Mr. Miles Culver, Irvin's band director, and other band directors as each was seen carrying a white package adorned with a purple bow, during the Sun Carnival Parade. These packages contained trophies presented by the Sun Carnival Association to each band in appreciation for its participation in the annual Sun Carnival Parade, January 2.

The trophy presented to the IHS band is now on display in the trophy case.

## **High Senior Class Honors Favorites**

The Blue Christmas Dance was presented in the Irvin cafeteria by the high senior class on Friday, December 16 at 9:00.

Decorations were traditional blue and white streamers and stars which transformed the cafeteria into a blue winter wonderland.

During the intermission the high senior favorites were announced by Mr. Mathews. Joyce Marshall was named favorite and received a corsage presented by Mr. Mathews. The other, Buddy Ware was given a boutonniere.

Music was supplied by the Embers.

## **Graduation Tomorrow**

"Cherish That Which is Yours" is the theme of the January graduation exercises scheduled for January 19, 8:00 p. m. in the gym.

Larry Barlow, president of the high senior class will officially welcome the parents and guests. Joyce Marshall will give the invocation; Travis Ware, the benediction. Assistant superintendent of El Paso public schools Keith Appleby will address the seniors and visitors.

Presentation of diplomas will be made by William B. Duncan, member of the school board. The program will include speeches by valedictorian Cindy Anderson and salutatorian Carole Thomas.

# Musicians Rewarded

Russell Teel, singing "The Lord's Prayer" by Malotte, opened the first assembly of the new year as A Choir members were presented awards won at the Solo and Ensemble Clinic held in November.

Mrs. Ruh Davis, Irvin's Choral director, presented satin ribbons, certificates of commendation, and medals for good, excellent, and superior performances and for piano accompaniments to the soloists, ensembles, and pianists. Following the presentation of the awards, several songs were performed for the student body, some being the solos for which the members won their awards.

To Diane Lewis, La Ree Larsin, Judy Ellis, Judi Williamson, Clydene Steinsick, and Janet Rice certificates of commendation were given for piano accompaniments. Bonnie Scott, and Diane Rystad were given honorable mention.

For good performances the Ellen Duden-Kathy Kanzenbach- Margie Kanzenbach trio, Connie Van Buren, and Ellen Duden were presented white ribbons.

The double quartet, composed of Margaret Durham, Bonnie Scott-Carole Thomas, Paul Mueller, Eric Mueller, Ron Powers, Dale Wheat, Cynthis Nelson-managed by Sandra Pitts: Diane Lewis; Clydene Steinsick; Melinda Lykins; Judi Williamson; Sherron Thornhill; Margie Kanzenbach; Ron Powers; John Carrol; and the Etah McCoy-Janet Rice-Diane Rystad trio received red ribbons symbolizing excellent performance.

Out of seventeen superior ratings given at the Clinic, Irvin was awarded four. For these four superior ratings the winners Janet Rice, Judy Ellis, Russell Teel, and Diane Rystad were given medals.

Judi Williamson and Russell Teel, Connie Van Buren, Ron Powers, Judy Ellis, and the Etah McCoy-Janet Rice-Diane Rystad trio then presented a duet, solos, and trio numbers, respectively.

A Choir concluded the program with "My Prayer" by Humphreys-Stickle.

## Irvin Girls Receive Honors In Contest

Etah McCoy, Corlea Haren, and Judy Williamson, Irvin students, placed in the "Let's Plan a Fashion Show" contest held recently by the White House department store.

Etah placed first, receiving a merchandise award for her efforts. Corlea took second place and Judy received an honorable mention.

## Irvin Takes Ysleta For Second Time

The Irvin Rockets tromped the Ysleta Indians, 57-41, for the second time, Tuesday night, January 10. This upset turned out to be Irvin's second district win, giving the Rockets a 2-2 record for district play.

The first quarter moved slowly but the Rockets pushed ahead steadily, led by seven points at the half.

Larry Machristie and "Tiger" McClasky teamed up on several tricky plays, and proved TOO much for the Indians. The second half saw Irvin produce some fine floor work, but the victorious "five" seemed to be cold on shooting. The Indians fell behind 16 points in the fourth quarter.

Larry Machristie led the scoring column for Irvin with 25 points, and "Tiger" McClasky added another 22 points.

## Swain Wins Music Prize

Bill Swain, senior at Irvin, was the winner of the brass division of the National Society of Arts and Letters Competition held January 7, at Texas Western College.

His tuba solo in the audition was "Voice of the Viking." Bill will play a solo at the All City Band Spring Concert as will the winners of the wood and string competition, the other two divisions.



ON KID DAY the "twelve" frolicked. Here the two Joyces, Marshall and Dickson, supported by Carole Thomas and Cindy Anderson, form Larry Barlow's "London Bridge." January 1961

## Jr. Officers Are Chosen

Junior class officers elected at the class meeting Tuesday, January 10, were Mike Nichols, President; Helen Emmons, Vice-President; and Cindy Elmore, Secretary-Treasurer. Miss Geraldine Grubbs, history teacher and Coach Johnson, who doubles as an Algebra teacher, were introduced to the Juniors as their class sponsors.

A cheer arose when Mr. Boyd Caffey, assistant principal, announced to the Junior upperclassmen that orders for senior rings will be taken February 2, in order that the graduating class of '62 may have their rings over the summer.

A committee consisting of the class officers and sponsors was instructed to begin making plans for the Junior Prom this spring.

## *Eighth Grade News*

By KRISTINE NELSON

The eighth grade basketball team is in first place in the district race. The Rockets are undefeated, if you don't know. I don't know about the rest of you, but I think they deserve a little support. The home games haven't had very good turnouts. Being undefeated, they must be pretty good, so come on out and see them. It doesn't take that much time from your schedule, and besides seeing the game, you get to see our cheerleaders, who are real swell.

The game that put us in top place was the one with Austin. We won 39-26, and our top scorer was Reggie McClasky, who made 18 points. To put us in a sort of "comfortable" position, we beat Ross, Tuesday, January 10, 35-26. Top man in this game was "Tiny" Lankford, who scored 16 points. First string players are Tim Fitzgerald, Reggie McClasky, Tiny Lankford, Héctor Guiot, Edgar Diesto.

## 'Big I' Rake EPHS For 3rd Dist. Win

The Irvin Rockets got off to a slow start Saturday night but finished up in a slam-bang against El Paso high by defeating the Tigers 69-50.

Starting the game, the Tigers bulled to a 19-5 lead, but the Rockets closed the scoring gap steadily. Some fancy ball handling and nerve-racking rebounds soon put the Rockets in the lead. Half time score was 30-27, Irvin.

The third quarter proved to be the biggest in the game, with Bob Berryhill, high scorer of the game with 20 points, hitting on several long set-shots and some nice lay-ups. The third quarter score was 51-38 in favor of the Rockets.

Irvin took command during the fourth period also as Jim McClasky and Larry Macnristie brought their scoring totals up to 15-12 points respectively.

# Seniors Are Selected By Faculty Committee

The selection of Who's Who in Irvin high school has been announced. After screening students a faculty committee selected 14 seniors for the honor.

Chosen were Chris Allen, Bob Berryhill, Bill Birdseye, Kathy Cunningham, Carol Davis, Linda Hampton, Sue Hayes, Dottie Hocker, Eddie Kee, Steve Legg, Thain Marston, Suzanna Mayfield, Etah McCoy, and Karen Moore.

Those selected are seniors who have been of outstanding service to Irvin high school. As a part of the recognition given them, each will be presented in the feature section of the Orbit.

Chris Allen is president of NHS, a member of PE Leaders club and FTA. She serves as a courtesy to Mr. Caffey and is a constant dean's list student.

Bob Berryhill is active in sports and has played varsity football, basketball, and baseball. He has membership in the Lettermans club, of which he is vice-president, and serves as parliamentarian of Student Council.

Bill Birdseye has been a member of the science club and holds membership in NHS. He serves as records editor of the Orbit. Bill is a national merit scholarship semi-finalist and qualified to compete in

the Future Engineers of America tournament.

National Honor Society, Student Council, PE Leaders club, and French club are included among the activities of Kathy Cunningham. She placed second in the Ready Writers division of the interscholastic league last year and has received a letter of commendation from the National Merit Corporation. Recently Kathy was awarded an honor scholarship to Sophie Newcombe College of Tulane University.

Carol Davis includes among her activities FBLA, in which she holds the position of secretary, Tennis club, and the National Honor Society. She has received a letter for varsity tennis.

Linda Hampton is a president of FBLA and a National Honor Society member. She has been a courtesy student for two years.

Sue Hayes is the president of Irvin's FTA group and is a member of Modern Dance club and NHS. She is on the Observer and Orbit staffs and has served as a courtesy student. In her junior year Sue was class treasurer.

A member of the Tennis Club and the varsity tennis team, Dottie Hocker also is active in Student Council and NHS. She serves as assembly manager and is a royal visitor to Cathedral high school.

Eddie Kee holds membership in the Junior Classical League, NHS, and FTA and is a past member of Student Council. He serves as a reporter to the Observer and is a school reporter to the El Paso Times.

Steve Legg is Student Council president, a varsity letterman, and a member of NHS and Science Seminar. He was chosen by his class-

mates as senior class favorite.

Thain Marston is a photographer for the Observer, and editor of the Orbit, NHS, Quill and Scroll, and Senior Science Club are included among his organizational activities. In NHS Thain is Vice-President, and in the science club he is a past president. He has received a letter of commendation from the National Merit Corporation.

Annual staff and Modern Dance Club are activities of Suzanna Mayfield. On the Orbit staff she has been seventh and eighth grade editor and is now senior editor. She is Irvin's representative to "Austin-in-Action." Suzanna has done courtesy work for two years.

Etah McCoy is reporter-historian of FBLA and business manager of the Orbit. She was chosen Homecoming Duchess this year and has been a cheerleader for two years. She is a member of "A" Choir, Quill and Scroll and the White House Board of Junior Fashion.

Karen Moore is a charter member of Quill and Scroll and serves as editor of the Observer. She was mistress of ceremonies for the "A" Choir dance and sang in a double quartet for the dance.



**CINDY ANDERSON**  
Valedictorian

## Top Grads Announced

Named valedictorian for the high senior class is Cindy Anderson. Cindy is secretary of the Caducean Society, high senior student council representatives, in National Honor Society, and participated in the senior follies.

"Are you sure?" was Carole Thomas' reply when told she was salutatorian. Carole is secretary of the high senior class, A Choir favorite, non-staff writer for the Observer, and was co-chairman for costumes of the senior follies and the class prophecy and will.



**CAROLE THOMAS**  
Salutatorian

## Rockets Win Three After Holiday Rest

### Speedy Jeff Foxes Outhustle Rockets

**Irvin Thrills Fans;  
Wins First District**

Friday, January 6, Irvin won its first district game over Bowie in a smashing 67-56 thriller. The Bears were rated even with the Rockets and had a fairly good advantage with the game on their own court.

The Rockets seemed to be cold during the first quarter and were behind 16-12, but the things started popping and the Rockets started to roll. The halftime score was 30-23, Irvin over Bowie.

The Rockets, being slightly taller than the Bears, took command of the backboards in the second half and rapped up the score with some smooth ball handling.

Jim McClaskey copped scoring honors for Irvin with 23 points and MacChristi was a tight second with 22. Boggs and Berryhill scored 8 and 7 points respectively.

The Jefferson Foxes, a smaller but faster team, kept the Rockets on full blast the whole game. Even though Larry Machristie and Bentley Boggs controlled the backboards, the Foxes seemed to be made of speed and connected with several lay-ups which put them in the lead.

Tiger McClaskey had a very good night scoring 27 points with 11 of 12 free-throw shots. Despite Tiger's good show the Foxes proved too much and pulled a 74-56 victory over the slower Rockets.

# Seniors Present Follies

By CAROL ALMQUIST

... And when John Perry came on the stage in those crazy plaid shorts and started telling those corny jokes, everyone knew or could guess that the second annual High-Senior Follies were on their way! After some days of rehearsing, the talked-about Follies finally came to life Wednesday, January 11, in the Irvin gym. The theme for this year's show was "An Evening With TV," which was helped along by "Sorry, Trouble on the Cable" when the mike went "mad."

The afternoon's program opened with the "4:30 Flop," which featured the music of the Embers and the voice of Jerry Bright, who had all the girls "swooning."

Next came Miss (?) or Mrs. (?) Larry Barlow who had to pick the pile of clothes that was washed in "New Blue Cheery." The "Male and Tell-a-phoney Hour" was next—and this turned out to be the Modern Dance class. In their last routine they were helped by five

"lovelies" (oh boys, you were simply stunning) from the high-senior class.

"Stranded Camera" then interviewed homecoming queen Joyce "Nixon"! She had on a football jersey! Joyce was joined by members of the "grizzly" Rocket football team, who really showed how they won ALL those football games!

Next John Cram was presented as Jack Spar on "The Jack Spar Show." Here again the Embers "whooped" it up with "Lucille" as our master-of-ceremonies, John Perry, did a sauntering solo across the stage! Carole Thomas and Joyce Marshall sang "Harbor Lights." Butch Mohwinkel made like "Burl Hives" and "wasted time" with "The Crazy Ole Woman Who Swallowed The Fly," then Jerry Bright was at it again—this time he sang "Mona Lisa." The girls were even tearing their hair!

A scene from some (???) Western was then seen followed by "I Led 3½ Lives"—here Joyce paraded across the stage with a large, a medium, a small, and a "pint-sized" character. "Snaky" Cindy Anderson then came on with her clarinet!

Rounding off the follies was a quiz show supposedly taking place in Alcatraz. Gary Paxton was the "cop" who asked "inmate" Steve Legg questions dealing with math. The Prison Choral furnished back-

ground music while Steve "thought." Then after answering the question correctly, Steve earned his freedom—then... the whole stage went wild! The band came on, the cheerleaders cheered, the majorettes twirled, and streamers were thrown, horns blew, and the Senior Follies of 1961 ended!



POLICEMAN GARY Paxton question prisoner Steve Legg immediately prior to the finale of the highly successful high senior follies.



**Final Game**

**Tonight**

**Irvin vs. Tech**

**THE IRVIN**

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**8:00 p. m.**

**Irvin**

**Gymnasium**

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## *Irvin-El Paso*

The Irvin Rockets romped over the El Paso High Tigers last Friday night, February 10. The score (73-55) was the highest ever run up by the Rockets in one game.

Larry Machristie and Bentley Boggs controlled the backboards all evening to account for much of the total score. From the foul line, "Tiger MacClaskey sunk 14 of 15 tries making up his entire score while Bob Berryhill bulseyed 6 field goals for 12 points. Gillespie also entered the two digit scoring column with 10.

The win brought Irvin's district standings to 7-7 for a solid fifth place.



Recently representing Irvin as duchess to the Shamrock Festival of Cathedral high school was Dottie Hocker.

## Art Students Select Name

The Sketch Set is the name selected by Irvin art students for their club, newest in the school. At a recent meeting the group elected officers.

Those elected are president, Millie Jo Erion; vice-president, Pat Ambrose; secretary, Barbara Sharih, and treasurer John Simpson.

Purpose of the Sketch Set is "to promote and advance interest in art skills and knowledge; and to serve the school when necessary."

The club is planning a field trip to the Scholastic Art Exhibition at the El Paso Museum of Art. The club meets every Monday after school in room 224 and any person interested in joining contact either Mrs. McManus or Millie Erion.

## *Eighth Grade News*

On Monday, February 6 and Wednesday, February 8 Mrs. Alice Floyd conducted girls eighth grade basketball tryouts. The girls who made the team are as follows: Casey Lawrence, Pat Del Rosario, Kris Nelson, Dianne Jones, Jane Tierce, Ann Smith, Jackie Scott, Brenda Matlock, Suzie Headley, Linda Matlock, Vivian Pine, Patti Hohn, Cathy Madson, Karen Angelo, Jane Bratcher, Karen Coman, Sharon Pitts, Joyce Carr, Vivian Slava, Linda Miller, Riley Olmstead, Angie Garcia, Connie Allen and Paulette Peckenpaugh.

Through practice, Mrs. Floyd and other Physical Education teachers are going to choose ten girls for our traveling team. These girls are going to be going to Play Day which will be held at Jefferson on March 4.

# Rockets Topple Burges

The Burges Mustangs tasted some of their own medicine last Tuesday night, February 14, at the hands of the Irvin Rockets. Irvin scored a major upset as they trounced the Mustangs 67-47. When the teams met before, Irvin fell to the Mustangs 67-46 but the situation was reversed in this second game.

Irvin jumped to an early lead and seemed to stun the cold Mustangs for at the first quarter buzzer the score was 14-10, Irvin. The second quarter was played in much the same manner with the two teams doubling their first quarter score for a 28-20 mark at halftime.

The third quarter saw Burges threaten to overtake the Rockets but the gap in scores was too hard to overcome and Irvin stifled the Mustang surge. Irvin then produced some of its own ball-handling magic pouring in 20 points more than the Mustangs in the final quarter.

Burges' big gun, Tredennic, was muffled as Bob Berryhill displayed great defensive skill in holding him to 16 points. On the backboards Irvin's Machristie took command grabbing 17 rebounds and dumping in 22 points. McClaskey was second in scoring with 21 points.

Irvin had a good night scoring better than 50% of their shots. 24 of 47 field goal tries were good and 19 of 30 foul shots were tallied.

## 11 Students To Sing At TMTA Recital

Eleven Student Affiliate members will sing solos at the sixth annual recital of the student Affiliate of the Texas Music Teachers Association.

These soloists, Judie Williamson, Diane Lewis, Rick Boettger, Ellen Duden, John Carroll, Jackie Hageman, Margie Kanzenbach, Judy Ellis, Janet Rice, Russell Teel, and Melinda Lykin, with a duet by Judie Williamson and Russell Teel will perform on February 18, 1961, at Burges high school.

Forty-one students, representing ten music teachers of T.M.T.A. will perform at the recital. The public is invited. There are no admission charges.



Western day winners Billy Mayes and Mary Roen

# Assorted Cowboy Dress Marks Go-Western Day

Yippee-Heigh-Yoahooo . . . Go-Western Day, February 8!

Coming to school that morning one might have seen senior, Billy Mayes cracking his bullwhip on the North-side lawn before a group of uninitiated and amazed "dude" students.

After the bell rang, even more was to be seen as the many western-attired students paraded through the halls. There was certainly a diverse group: rugged men of the old west, wearing chaps worn smooth on the saddle of a fifty-seven Ford; dandy gamblers, sporting vests with meticulously tied bows under their chins; "Drugstore Cowboys" with carefully pressed, flashy western shirts; be-bloomered ladies of the old west, fugitives from some wagon train, it seemed; rainbow-like, squaw dresses, and, yes, even a few stray Indians from the reservation: The whole of it a colorful array and a day to "be different." There was even a horse in our midst, U.S. Army blanket vintage. Providing the motor power for our equine friend were Gary Paxton and Rick Woltz.

One of the high points of the day was the judging of the winners of the Go Western Day costume contest. Winners were to be presented with free tickets to the Rodeo be-

ginning the night of February 8. Chosen by their first period classes were the best western dressed boy and girl. These persons went on to the school-wide judging where the final winners were determined.

Taking first prize for the girls was eighth grader Mary Roen. Mary's garb was a yellow gay-nineties dress with a bustle. As an accessory she carried a yellow parasol. Mary informs us that the dress was her grandmother's first formal gown.

Second place winner Jo Ann Hoffman, last year's first place winner, was arrayed in a fringe jacket and the traditional western trousers and boots. Pat Kahn, who received the third prize sported a plaid shirt, a fringed jacket, and other western attire to make her costume complete. Winner of the fourth girls prize was Alta Jean Eaton who "toted a gun and holster" as a part of her outfit.

First place boy's winner was Billy Mayes. Included in his costume were western chaps, spurs, a gun and holster, a western jacket, and a bull-whip. Outstanding in the dress of second place winner John Martinez was a black, with silver concho band, hat. Rick Mueller, co-winner of third place wore an emerald-green vest, and it appeared he was one of the gamblers aforementioned. The other third place winner, Al Barrera sported a wool western jacket, boots, spurs, and other items to make the costume complete.

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# Choir Group Performs At Feb. Revival

Seventeen A Choir members presented special music at the Tobin Park Methodist Church during their revival, February 5-10.

Sixteen formed a double-octet in singing "Once to Every Man in Nation," "My Prayer," and "The Lord Bless You And Keep You." The sixteen were: altos, Margie and Kathy Kanzenbach, Sherran Thornhill, and Bonnie Scott; the sopranos, Peggy Durham, Melinda Lykins, Judie Williamson, and Clydene Steinsick; the tenors, Paul Mueller, Ron Powers, Bob Jeschke, and James Donahue; the basses, Russell Teel, Paul Lewis, Eric Mueller, and John Carroll. The group was accompanied by Diane Rystad.

The seventeenth was Jane Rice who sang "I Wonder as I Wander" an Appalaachian carol. She was accompanied by Clydene Steinsick.

# The Turntable

By JIM REESE

Well, I guess this sort of gripe ~~week around the turntable.~~ I've been listening to the radio, and it hasn't been easy. Songs like "The Twist," "The Hoss," and the "Hootchey Kootchey Coo" are driving me crazy. Whatever happened to the good sounds Jerry Lee Lewis, Roy Orbison, Little Richard and even Elvis Presley used to make?

It seems that all of the Rock 'n' Roll artists are going legitimate. Even Fats Domino, the old daddy of rock 'n' roll, has started using those blasted fiddles in his music. Now don't get me wrong. I like violins in their place, but their place is not in rock 'n' roll or any of its forms.

Even instrumentalists are going crazy. Dwayne Eddie records with a fiddle section. Johnnie and the Hurricanes use, in my opinion, an amateur organ player. Larry Williams uses flutes. Almost every band in El Paso has at least one trumpet, some two or three. Somebody has recorded "Cervesa" and drowned out a beautiful guitar part with what sounds like "Seventy-Sii Trombones."

Whatever happened to the guitar? This instrument is the basis of a rock 'n' roll band. All the cool rhythms and beats are made on the guitar. The boggie runs, shuffle rhythms, Latin rhythms in modern music are made on an electric guitar. People don't notice that when Barney Kessel plays a lead in Rickey Nelson rocker, they want to dance.

I guess I'm prejudiced toward guitars, but I'd like to see them get some of the recognition they deserve. The guitar work in "Apache" is really beautiful. Why don't you students write in and tell me what you think. If you have any opinions or questions about music or musical instruments, write in and let me know, and I'll try to answer them for you. Till then, play it cool, cats.

# Beauty Finalists Chosen; One Will Reign At Dance

## Panel Of Judges Selects Five From Group Of 21

By EDDIE KEE

Gathered in the homemaking classroom February 9 were the 21 semi-finalists hoping for the title of Irvin's top beauty. To be chosen were five finalists, one of which is to be honored as queen at the beauty dance in mid-March. The five selected were Sherry Hesla, Richie Hindelang, Patty Laugherty, Eugenia McCoy, and Judi Williamson.

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As the choosing of the top five progressed, the girls, beautifully dressed, passed before the judges assembled in the homemaking living-room. The rating sheet showed that the judges considered beauty, poise, appearance, and personality as the girls were presented to them. The smiles, the swish of skirts, the care-

ful last minute rearrangements of the coiffure, correction of the make-up, and tense pacing revealed the girls' concern before they met the judges.

The panel seemed to have a difficult task as the process of determining the winners was quite lengthy. After the first eliminations about ten girls remained. Here the choosing process again slowed down. Repeatedly the girls were called back in groups of nine, eight, the number gradually decreasing until the finalists were at last selected.

When the winners were announced tears glistened in the eyes of one or two, others smiled, laughed and generally expressed their great joy. Congratulations were offered by the semi-finalists as flash bulbs released their bursts of light and a movie camera whirred.

# FHA Club Presents 1961 Beau

By PHYLLIS GILL

Old familiar strains of "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" set the stage for the presentation of the 1961 FHA Beau at the annual Sweetheart Dance held in the cafeteria February 11. Vernon Bolstad was introduced by John Cram, 1960 Beau, as the FHA Beau for 1961 and was presented a white boutonniere by Lea McCullom, president of Irvin FHA.

"I am greatly honored by this. I would like to thank everyone involved in FHA. Thanks for nominating me and making me your Beau. I will remember it for a long, long time." This was the speech made by Vernon in acceptance of the honor bestowed upon him.

Runners-up for the title, Mike Rist and Mike Nichols, were announced. Representatives of the other FHA organizations in El Paso and their escorts were introduced.

Decorations added to the atmosphere of the occasion with the traditional valentine colors of red and white carried out in three huge paper hearts. Ivy twined gracefully around the center pillar while glittered hearts sparkled on the adjacent pillars. Red candles contrasted with the white tablecloths and green ivy. White spheres with white flowers were hung from the ceiling where lights cast a red glow on them. Music was played by the Embers.

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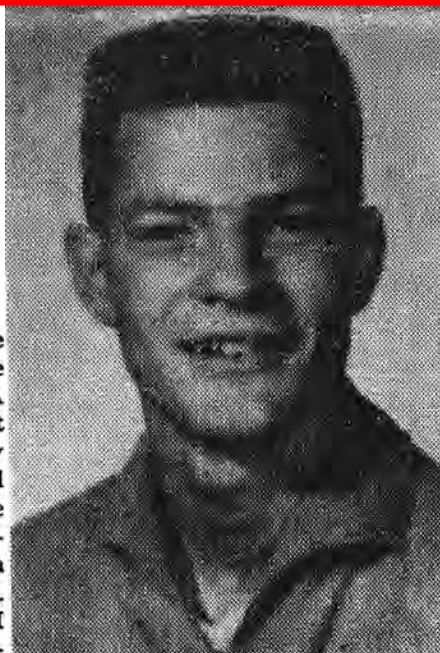
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## V. Bolstad Picked As FHA Beau

Named FHA Beau was Vernon Bolstad at the annual FHA Sweetheart Dance held February 11. Vernon was chosen by the FHA members.

During the Sweetheart Dance held in his honor, Vernon was presented with a pin bearing the FHA emblem.

A senior, Vernon plays on the basketball team and has lettered in both football and track. He belongs to the "I" club and National Honor Society.

February 1961

# Irvin Takes Three Wins In District AAAA Bouts

## Irvin-Bowie

Irvin Rockets beat the Bowie Bears 55-48 last Friday, February 3, before a crowd of Rocket fans.

The Bears got the first basket, but Irvin led 13-8 after the first quarter. At half time only one point separated Bowie from the Rockets, but Irvin stayed in the lead.

Irvin hit 23 of 34 free throws which helped beat the Bears for the second time this season. Larry Machristie did a good job rebounding, scoring 17 points. McClaskey was high scorer with 19 points. Berryhill and Boggs connected for six apiece. Pilcher hit five, and Gillespie sank two.

## Irvin-Jefferson

Irvin bowed to the Jefferson Foxes last Tuesday, February 7, 49-41. Irvin played an outstanding game, but Jefferson was too much.

Irvin led in the first part of the game, but the Rockets could not keep the lead. The score was tied 9-9 in the first quarter.

Jefferson took over in the second quarter and led the rest of the game.

Machristie was high scorer with 12 points, Vass hit 10, McClaskey 9, Gillespie 7, and Berryhill 3.

Irvin played a terrific game and hustled all the way.

Jefferson's Mendoza led Jefferson with 23 points.

## Irvin-Ysleta

Saturday night, February 4, the Irvin Rockets blasted the cellar dwelling Ysleta Indians (56-50), to up their district standings to 6-6. The Rockets took command of the game, early in the first quarter and moved to a 16 point lead shortly after the fourth quarter buzzer.

The Indian's made a terrific comeback to narrow the scoring gap to six points, but the Rockets took account of the situation to hold off the Ysleta surge and win the game.

Larry Machristie copped scoring honors with 19 points and team-mate 'Tiger' MacClaskey scored 15. Gillespie helped the cause considerably with 8 points.



A member of the Jefferson team watches as Rocket Larry Machristie scores two points.



Beauty finalists Sherry Hesla, Richie Hindelang, Patty Laugherty, Judi Williamson, and Jeannie McCoy are shown on the night of their selection for the honor.



## 2 Seniors In Elks Contest

Kenneth Renner and Carol McCool, two senior honor students, have been chosen by a committee of teachers, on the basis of essays submitted to compete with other El Paso high school students for scholarships which on the national level total \$100,000. These scholarships are offered by the Elks, a nationwide service organization.

Because each high school was allowed to submit only two entries—one boy, one girl—for area competition at TWC, which in turn is allowed two entries for the national contest, essays submitted by Irvin seniors were judged and the most outstanding were selected. TWC is offering a scholarship to area winners. A \$1,400 scholarship to the college of the winner's choice is offered as top prize in national competition.

The essays submitted by Ken and Carol included a list of their school activities, their plans for the future, what they wanted to get out of an education, and their reasons for applying for a scholarship.

After graduation Carol is planning to attend TWC where she will major in English with the hope of someday teaching. Carol

is a member of National Honor Society and a courtesy student here at Irvin. Last year she attended high school in Maryland where she participated in a wide range of activities.

Ken is a member of NHS and the Senior Follies committee. His plans for the future include attending Michigan State University at Oakland and eventually obtaining a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy.

## Dance Club Uses 'West' As Theme

"Western" has become the theme for the modern dance club's activities. Under the direction of sponsor Miss Mary Knight, the club has been working on many dances with a Western strain. One of them is "Wake up Cowboys, Day's a' Breaking." In these dances the girls imi-

## Thain Marston Is Third Jr. Rotarian

Thain Marston was selected as Junior Representative to the downtown Rotary Club from Irvin. As Junior Rotarian, he attended a meeting February 9 at the El Paso Del Norte Hotel. Previous Junior Rotarians have been Gary Paxton and Steve Legg.

Every two weeks, the Downtown Rotary Club, as a part of their youth project, has two boys from El Paso high schools visit their meetings. These boys sit in during the meeting and watch the program. The program given during Thain's visit was a Telephone Company film entitled "Seconds for Survival."

Thain is editor of the Orbit and is a photographer for both the Orbit and Observer. He is also vice-president of NHS and a charter member of Quill and Scroll; he was also named to Who's Who.

tate cowboys and even have a train robbery.

They are working toward the completion of a performance for the student body in the spring.

# Net Results

The Irvin varsity tennis girls made their first out of town trip to Las Cruces Saturday, where they played Las Cruces High School. The match score was 27 to 0, in which we won every match. Matches were played as follows:

## SINGLES

Jane Burke (I) defeated Pam Phillips (LC) 6-1, 6-2.

Pam Jackley (I) defeated Pricilla Barraza (LC) 6-0, 6-1.

Sandra Knight (I) defeated Rose Ann Marten (LC) 6-1, 6-1.

Linda Knight (I) defeated Sandra Rowland (LC) 6-0, 6-2.

Deen Whitworth (I) defeated Beth Franklin (LC) 6-0, 6-1.

Dottie Hocker (I) defeated Sharon Johnson (LC) 6-0, 6-1.

Carol Davis (I) defeated Carrie Torres (LC) 6-0, 6-0.

Ann Stokton (I) defeated Minerva Ramirez (LC) 6-1, 6-0.

Deen Whitworth (I) defeated Sharon Johnson (LC) 6-1, 6-0.

Shirley Powell (I) defeated Barbara Corwin (LC) 6-2, 6-1.

Winona Kellett (I) defeated Kathy Riddle (LC) 6-0, 6-1.

Diane Davis (I) defeated Krestin Thompson (LC) 6-1, 6-2.

Midge Martinez (I) defeated Karen Hapen (LC) 6-3, 6-1.

Diane Ezelle (I) defeated Leslie Thornberry (LC) 6-1, 6-1.

Jean Rogers (I) defeated Yolanda Guaderrama (LC) 6-0, 6-0.

Donna DeForest (I) defeated Martha Alvarez (LC) 6-4, 6-3.

Susan Phifer (I) defeated Yolanda Guaderrama (LC) 4-6, 6-2, 7-5.

Carol Davis (I) defeated Joan Connelly (LC) 6-2, 6-1.

Pam Jackley (I) defeated Pam Phillips (LC) 8-4.

## DOUBLES

Jackley, Whitworth (I) defeated Phillips, Barraza (LC) 6-3, 6-0.

Knight, Knight (I) defeated Johnson, Marten (LC) 6-1, 6-0.

Davis, Hocker (I) defeated Rowland, Franklin (LC) 6-1, 6-0.

Burke, Stockton (I) defeated Ramirez, Torres (LC) 6-1, 6-2.

Knight, Knight (I) defeated Johnson, Wygal (LC) 6-0, 6-0.

Powell, Kellett (I) defeated Corwin, Riddle (LC) 6-1, 6-3.

Davis, Martinez (I) defeated Hapen, Guaderrama (LC) 6-0, 5-2.

Ezelle, Rogers (I) defeated Alvarez, Thornberry (LC) 6-1, 6-0.

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## 16 From A Choir Sing At Luncheon

Pappy Heins' Restaurant was the site of the weekly luncheon of the Northeast El Paso Rotary Club, March 10.

A Choir members Peggy Durham, La Ree Larson, Janet Rice, Judy Ellis, Candy Jones, Lynne La Par, Bonnie Scott, Cindy Nelson, Rick Boettger, Paul Mueller, Johnny Ross, Dae Wheat, Jim Donahue, Paul Lessing, Russell Teel and John Carroll presented "My Prayer" by Humphreys, "My Shephard is the Lord" by Haydn Morgan, "Now's the Time to Play," a Czech folk song, "You'll Never Walk Alone" by Rogers and Hammerstein and "The Happy Wanderer" by Homer Salome.

## Roving Reporter

This week's question was: "What do you think is the best thing about Irvin high school?" These are some of the answers:

Sherry Hesla—The students are friendly.

Brenda Lasater—The students are courteous.

Jackie Wentz—Our school spirit.

Donna Mekeel—The "I" jackets.

Ronald Stone—Mrs. Davis' 5th period English VIII class.

Kenneth Allen—The water fountain.

James Hinson—Marline Do Giovani.

Susie Rogers—The cooperation between the faculty and students.

Dave Brantner — Mr. Cohen's fourth period English class.

Wally Glasgow — Mr. Bockwitz' first period physics class.

James Arnold—Most of the teachers.

John Howard—Irvin's 150 watt P. A. system.

Charles Cheek—The varsity band.

# Seminar For Secretaries Held At Cortez March 9

Irvin students, accompanied by Mrs. Glenna Archer, attended the Sixth Annual Seminar for Secretaries at the Hotel Cortez, Wednesday, March 9 sponsored by the Sun and Sage Chapter of the National Secretaries Association and the El Paso Chapter of the National Office Management Association. The theme for this year was "The Sixth Sense.... Secretarial Sense."

Carol Davis, Irvin senior, who wrote the winning essay from Irvin entitled "Why I Want To Be a Secretary," was a special guest.

Mrs. Christine Anseley, Mistress of Ceremonies, introduced Mrs. Laura Van Smith of New Mexico State University, who gave the invocation. All guests were then welcomed by Mrs. Geraldine Sand, president of the Sun and Sage Chapter, NSA, and Mr. Paul C. Haines, president of the El Paso Chapter, NOMA.

Guest speaker, Mrs. Lorene Bolt, CPS, of the Scott Investment Company in Austin, Texas said of the sixth secretarial sense, "... it's just something that comes out of experience...."

L. M. Collins, of educational services in New York told all in attendance, "There's always room at the top." Mr. C. A. Copple, presi-

dent of Malco Products Company in Roswell, New Mexico gave a talk concerning "The Personal Touch System—In Human Relations." Mrs. Stacey Materi, owner of Mannequin Manor gave a few hints on the "Personal RX."

A luncheon was served on the mezzanine with a brief period of entertainment for the guests including clothes from the Popular Dry Goods Company which were modeled.

The girls who represented Irvin were: Judi Cantrell, Bobbie Evans, Marty Forsyth, Madelynn Hammond, Jene Hayden, Carol Hoffman, Carolyn Hummel, Pat Manville, Marilyn Rose, Roberta Smith, Sandy James, Margaret Shields, Carol Davis, Carol Rogers, Gayle Russell.

## Tascosa Winner In Meet

Irvin held its first annual Invitational track meet at Burges high school, March 4. Fourteen teams participated in one of the largest meets ever held in the El Paso area. Tascosa of Amarillo was the strongest competitor, scoring 147½ points. Burges was second, with Carlsbad third.

Host team Irvin Rockets was lower on the totem pole with 8½ points bettering only Austin and Bowie.

Dave Nichols scored 4 points with a fourth place in the broad jump, with 20'9". Bentley Boggs placed fourth in the high hurdles, turning in a time of 16:5 for another 4 points; Jim Larkin tied for sixth with a 5'8" jump.

The point system gives 10 points for first, 8 for second, 6 for third, 4 for fourth, 2 for fifth and 1 for sixth.

# Around Irvin . . . . .

The Beauty Dance is almost here. The Student Council has worked long and hard, choosing this to be the biggest dance of the year. With the theme of "Venus," decorations and entertainment, those in attendance will pay a royal salute to Patty, our Queen of Beauty Beauties from other schools in El Paso will be presented, along with representatives from various organizations around IHS.

**The Variety Show sponsored by the Tennis Club was a huge success. Everybody seemed to get a big kick out of the "talent" displayed by Gary Paxton and company and the pantomime by**



**Cheryl Cain and Patty Peter-**

**son. April Hennessy should be applauded for her part in the show, along with Russell Teel, the Thomas clan and their extra Legg, Steve, Gary Christianson's singing trio, and everyone else who contributed to make the show such a smash. Emcee Jesse Morrison could have easily been mistaken for Ed Sullivan. He really knew his business!**

To those of you who aren't aware of the fact that we have an up-and-coming track team, I'd like you to know that we made more points in the first meet than we did all last season. Dave Nichols won first place in broad jump and along with all the other Rockets, blasted off to a great start..

## Lettermen Lose Game To Coaches

The coaches beat the Letterman's Club 44-31 last Tuesday, March 7, during sixth period.

The coaches had to fight all the way. Kim Espy was the outstanding player for the lettermen, and Coach Anderson for the coaches. High scorer for the coaches was Coach Anderson, Dick Beard for the I Club.

"Dr." Mallon and Red Haden refereed the game.

Individual scores were: Anderson 11, Taylor 4, Kepple 2, Leonard 2, Johnson 2, Anderson 3, Tate 4, and DiCarolo 2; I Club Beard 9, Dyal 8, Mac 3, Espy 6, Finton 2, Bolsted 2, Barrera 1.

## ***Annual Hi School Math Contest Held***

The eleventh annual high school mathematics contest was held Thursday, March 9, 1961 for Irvin students in Room 228.

This contest, sponsored by the Mathematics Association of America and the Society of Actuaries, aims to create and sustain interest in mathematics among the students of our secondary schools.

The awards are allocated on the basis of team and individual scores. A bronze cup is given to the school in each contest region with the highest team score; a demonstration slide rule to the school with the second highest team score. Certificate of merit is presented to the schools in each contest region in the upper 10% of team scores. A mathematics pin goes to the student with the highest score; an individual slide rule to each of the five highest ranking contestants in each contest region.

Irvin high students who entered the mathematics contest are: Jimmy Baker, Vernon Bolstad, Medardo Caujoy, Robert Cole, Sharon Conroy, Vicki Haas, Ray Hacking, Bobbie Hays, Kathy Hitchcock, Leighton Kohlass, Bernard McAnally, Bryson McCool, Walter McCulloch Jr., Karen Moore, Caroline Nagel, Johnnie Simpson, Tom Sobey, Judy Farnsworth, Bonnie Vega and Irma González.

## **Elephant Butte Chosen As Senior Outing Site**

"Let's go to Ruidoso... no, Cloudcroft... Elephant Butte is neater..." and so came thick and fast suggestions for where to go for the senior trip at the senior meeting, March 7. The final decision, after much discussion, both pro and con, of various places was Elephant Butte. A combined chorus of groans and cheers greeted the announcement by president Dickie Beard who presided over the meeting.

Tentative plans for the prom and banquet were also discussed, with Mrs. David Cooper offering a few suggestions and information. However, nothing definite was decided and seniors were asked to give their suggestions to class secretary, Pam Stratton.

## ***Committees For Beauty Dance Told***

Planning the various portions of Irvin's beauty pageant and dance to be held tomorrow night in the Irvin gym have been three student council committees; the agenda, the decoration and publicity committees.

Bob Davis is chairman of the agenda committee which is composed of Betty Lockett, Gayle Thompson, Gary Paxton, Steve Legg, Sue Diamond, Kathy Cunningham and Jim Angaran.

Serving on Dottie Hocker's committee are Corlea Haren, Vic Duchene, Bobby Bennett, Pat Adams and Kristine Nelson.

Publicity chairman is Bobbie Hays. Her committee members are Janet Rice, Jerri Coupe, Caesar Ancheta, Joe Poteet and Jackie Barrie.

# Construction Underway On Addition To Building

Almost a half-million dollars in new facilities will be completed at Irvin by September 1, 1961, according to Dr. D. H. Wilkerson, secondary school supervisor of the El Paso Public School System.

Last year El Pasoans approved \$8,000,000 in bonds for new and expanded schools. Irvin, opened in September 1959, will receive \$492,000 for 28 new classrooms to be constructed in wings northeast and southeast from the front of the building.

Several classrooms will be converted to science rooms; room 212 will become a fully equipped biology lab and room 209 will be an all purpose room for teaching physical science (a new course to replace general science), biology, chemistry and physics. Another new room will be a darkroom for the journalism and science departments. The right or southeast wing will contain four general science rooms and the darkroom.

Coinciding with the proposed changes in the math curriculum, there will be at least three new math rooms equipped with teacher demonstration tables and student desks the tops of which may be converted to plot curve on rectangular and polar co-ordinates. Portable slide rules and other aids that can be rolled to any part of the room will also make their appearance at Irvin.

By relocating the laundry facilities, the remodeled cafeteria will be able to serve twice as many students hot meals at one time as they do now.

The contract for the construction has been awarded to the firm of Baret and Moore.

Rapid growth in the northeastern section of the city has necessitated the addition to Irvin as it is estimated that well over 2000 students will attend the school next year in grades 7-12. El Paso city schools are on a 6-2-4 basis; i. e., a student attends elementary school for six years, intermediate for two, and high school for four. It is proposed that a new intermediate school be constructed in this area in the future leaving Irvin with an enrollment of 2000 in grades 9-12.



Superintendent W. E. Bindel of Baret and Moore discusses the mechanical ditchdigger used in preliminary work on the building addition with Irvin administrators Boyd Caffey and C. S. Bean.

## **Chess Club Elects C. Gass, H. Brokate**

Charles Gass was recently elected president of the Chess Club. To aid him, the members selected Howard Brokate as vice-president. No other officers were elected.

Future plans for the club include a chess tournament to be staged in the IHS cafeteria, sometime in April. A chess set will be awarded to first place winner and other prizes to second and third.

# *Patty Laugherty To Reign At Beauty Dance Saturday*

In a land of golden gondolas, sophomore Patty Laugherty will reign tomorrow night as queen of Irvin's first beauty pageant. She will be crowned by C. S. Bean, principal, and coronation roses will be presented to the queen by student council president Steve Legg.

During the pageant, to which the public is invited, runners-up Sherry Hesla, Richie Hindelang, Eugenia McCoy and Judi Williamson will be introduced. Sherry is being escorted by Earl Roland. Richie's escort will be Gary Paxton, and Jack Nunn will escort Eugenia. Escorting Judi Williamson will be Ray Hocking.

Bob Berryhill, master of ceremonies, will introduce the visiting royalty and beauty representatives from various Irvin clubs.

Representing Bel Air will be Carolyn Ann Campbell. El Paso high will send Kay McCarty and Burges, Paula Lingle. The visiting royalty from Loretto will be Walkina Quijano and Cora Long will represent Ysleta. Kyda Klausner will attend from Austin and Rachel López, will represent Bowie. Jefferson's representative will be Theresa Paniagua.

Beauty representatives from various Irvin organizations will be Sue Grant, Aurora Tri-Hi-Y; Bobbie Hays, Pre-Med; Deen Whitworth, Tennis club; Karen Martin, Student

Council; Jant Rice, Student Affiliate; Carol Almquist, Observer; Millie Erion, FHA; Helen Emmons, I Club.

Sue Hayes, FTA; Merriellen Grant, JCL; Sandra Lowery, FNA; Cheryl Gibson, Sigma Phi; Barbara Logan, Orbit; Suzanna Mayfield, Quill and Scroll; Karen Propst, National Honor Society; Phyllis Gill, Modern Dance club; Sharon Controy, Nivri Tri-Hi-Y.

Vivian Clapp, Sketch Set; Jeanne Patrick, Stekcor Tri-Hi-Y; Karen Moore, Y-Teens; LaRee Larson, A Choir; Marilyn Ross, FBLA; Mickey Spear, band; Phyllis Griffin, Junior National Honor Society; Judi Lotspeich, French Club; Leann Stone, Tibro Tri-Hi-Y; Leta Young, P. E. Leaders; Carol Ann Smith, Titan Tri-Hi-Y; Sandy James, Sanaru Tri-Hi-Y, Leighton Kohlass, Sky-Larks.

The Esquires will provide the music for the dance which will begin after the pageant.

## Track Team Enters Meet

Yesterday afternoon Coach Kipple left Irvin with ten trackmen for the West Texas Relays held at Odessa. The meet is scheduled to start at 9:00 in the morning.

Running the mile relay will be Klaus Hille, Sam McVay, Ray Wood and Ken Lyell. In the 880 yard relay will be Terry Riley, Vernon Bolstead, Jim Baker and Klaus Hille. Bentley Boggs is in the high hurdles and Jimmy Dyal will be in the 100 yard dash. Jim Larkin will be in competition for the high jump honors.



# 27 To Enter TIL Contest

Twenty-seven Irvin students will enter this year's spring Texas Inter-scholastic League meet. The district meet will take place the weekend of April 15 and the regional meet, in Odessa, the weekend of April 21.

The field of speech includes poetry reading, extemporaneous speaking, original oration and poetry, declamation, debate and one act plays. Ron Boutwell speech teacher, is the sponsor for the speech section; the students and their fields are: Susan Phifer, poetry reading and declamation; Eddie Kee, poetry reading; Sharon Grimmesey, poetry reading; Kathy Cunningham, extemporaneous speaking; Alta Jean Eaton, poetry and original oration and declamation; Barbara Hudson, extemporaneous speaking. Steve Fink, Clay Messier, Jene Hayden, and Judy Tierce, compose the debate team.

The one act play is "Opening Night" by Cornelia Otis Skinner and will be performed by Denise Waggoner, James Ezell, April Hennessey, Pam Davis, Carol Bouillion, Susan Phifer, Judy Farnsworth, Janet Aycock, Carol Cernaghan, Sandra Marie Miller and Carol Smith.

Mrs. Dorothy Davis is sponsoring the ready writing division; entries from Irvin are Kathy Cunningham and Robert Neill, both in ready writing.

The entries in the number sense section are Jo Ann Hoffman, Kathy Hitchcock, Steve Fink, and Eric Clifford, from senior high and Eileen Groff and Helen Bounds from the eighth grade. Mrs. O. Bounds is the advisor.

Eddie Kee and Phyllis Gill will enter the journalism section.

## *Girl Basketballers Win 2nd At Jeff*

The freshman girls basketball team took second place in the Jefferson Playday held on March 4, at Jefferson high school. First place was won by Jefferson.

Freshmen are captained by Dina Boggs. Team members are Carol Drov Dahl, Jan Dunlap, Veverly Monger, Donna Gorman, Dee Harris, Flori Mullins, Kathy Richarson, Helen Sill, Jo Slinned, Jo Lynn Stillwell and Jane Van Hooser.

## *Civic Club Chooses Beard Jr. Rotarian*

Senior Dickie Beard was chosen Junior Rotarian by the downtown Rotary Club recently and was a guest at their March 17 meeting.

Dickie is president of the senior class, an I Club member, on the sports staff of the Observer and a varsity player on the football team. Last year he served as Irvin's first student manager.

# 67 Make Select Scholar; Eighth Grade Leads List

Sixty-seven of Irvin's students made the Select Scholars list for the fourth six-weeks period. The eighth graders led with 27, the freshmen came next with 16, the juniors fell into line with 11, the sophomores follow with 7, and the seniors bring up the rear with 6. The list is in different order this time; going by number on the list, not by classification.

Topping the list, the eighth graders are Caesar Ancheta, Jim Angaran, Ricky Behrend, Helen Bounds, Linda Clonch, Ricky Darby, Nina Robert Johnson, Pennye Johnston, Ellis, Catherine Failla, Eileen Groff, Robert Johnson, Penny Johnston, Steven Kohlagen, Linda Leach, Betty Leveritt, Cathy Madsen, Nancy Mieszala, Jerry Munday, Riley Olmsted, Beth Owens, Linda Peavler, Mary Price, Linda Reck, Sandra Remy, Vivian Salva, Jackie Scott, Bob Vardeman, and Gary Willis.

Freshmen on the SS list include Jack Angaran, Charles Brown, Barbara Dilks, Charles Gass, Helen Lang, Linda Leonard, Jane O'Dowd, Sally Pender, Linda Pilcher, Jann Rummig, Ann Singer, Philip Smith, Jane Van Hooser, Nina Walters, Rhon Whitaker, and Jackie Wilhite.

Glenda Atkinson, Linda Brigida, Judy Ellis, Jimmy Gillespie, Kathy Hitchcock, Sandra Kemper, Leighton Kohloss, Pat Peterson, Michael Pilcher, Sharon Pugel and James Soller, are the Select Scholar juniors.

The seven sophomores are Eugene Callaway, James Chippis, Jim Dunlap, Corlea Haren, Carole Lindquist, Rosemary Newth, and Barbara Robbins.

And last the six seniors: Alta Eaton, Eduard Kee, Ellen Mieszala, Karen Moore, Marian Philpot, and Ken Renner.

## ***Gibson Heads FNA***

The Future Nurses of America club has elected new officers. President is Carol Gibson, vice-president Sandra Owrey, Jackie Wilhite, parliamentarian and Anne Wasser, reporter.

## ***Mt. View Church Honors Gridders***

Mt. View Baptist Church gave its second annual football banquet Monday evening, March 27.

Bob Berryhill and Vic Duchene were introduced as captains of the team. Vic was recognized as the best lineman, Bob the best all-around player and Nick Nichols back of the year. Robert Burciaga won the honor of being the boy who wanted to play the most.

Sue Hayes, Phyllis Gill, Marie Vass and Judie Williamson aided in serving the banquet.

# Senior Play Scheduled For April 28

"The Curious Savage," a three-act comedy by John Patrick about the inmates of a "dignified funny-farm," has been chosen as the senior class play. It will be presented the evening of April 28.

Cast in the lead role of Ethel Savage is Carol Smith; her daughter Lily Belle is played by Sandra Miller, and her two sons, Titus and Samuel, by Kim Espy and Eddie Saenz. Clyde Jeffcoat plays the part of Dr. Emmelt, attending physician of the "home," his nurse, Miss Willy, is played by Carol Boullion.

Patients found "wondering around" are Florence, Connie Hoon; Hannibal, James Ezell; Fairy Mae, Susan Phifer; Jeffrey, Phil Harris; and Mrs. Paddy, Pam Davis.

The behind-the-scenes production staff is led by stage manager Carol Cernaghan.

The props and set crew include Janet Aycock, Carol Rodgers, Judy Farnsworth, Larry Vaslet and April Henessy.

In charge of lights and sound are Larry Vaslet, Denise Wagner and April Henessey.

Doing the costumes and make-up work are Judy Farnsworth, Carol Rodges, and Denise Wagener.

Sponsor for the senior play is Ron Boutwell, Irvin speech teacher.

## *EPH Names All Opponent*

Last week the El Paso cage team announced an all-opponent team composed of players they thought were the toughest to play against. Two teams were chosen, one of which they call honorable mention.

Jim McClaskey was the all-opponent forward and Larry Mac-Christie was honorable mention center.



Representing Irvin as duchess in a "Stairway to the Stars" theme at the El Paso high Spring Fiesta, March 25, is Janet Kaiser. Janet will be escorted by Mike Nichols.

# *Junior National Honor Inducts 32 Eighth And Ninth Graders*

Inducted into the Nike chapter of the National Junior Honor Society on March 15 were nineteen eighth graders and thirteen freshmen.

The new eighth grade members are: Jim Angaran, Helen Bounds, Ricky Darley, Catherine Failla, Tim Fitzgerald, Eileen Groff, Jim Hafer, Patty Hohn, Pennye Johnston, Betty Leveritt, Jerry Munday, Guy McCool, Kristine Nelson, Riley Olmsted, Beth Owens, Linda Peauler, Vivian Salva, Bob Vardeman and Sherry York.

James Cullington, Barbara Dilks, Charles Gass, Gerald Kasmala, Jo Skinner, Sandra Spiers, Susan Stapleton, Rhonnie Whitaker, Bob Vrieling, Mike McGhee, Katie Riebe, Linda Schuk and Nina Wal-

terswere the freshmen thirteen inducted.

Student manager Dottie Hocker gave the Invocation, followed by Sally Ponder who gave the history introduced Tommy Kennedy who of NJHS.

Junior Honor president Kenny Moore then stated in his speech that those chosen represent the top per cent of the eighth and ninth grades and have shown outstanding performance in accordance with the five ideals of the society—scholarship, leadership, citizenship, service and character.

Speaking about the Honor Society torch was Jane O'Dowd. Jann Rummig spoke on scholarship, Jane Niblacs on citizenship, Sue Vaughn on leadership, Donna Pet-

ty on service and on character Martha Toney.

At this point A Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Davis, presented several numbers.

As the IHS Orchestra played "Follow the Gleam," the names of new members were read; each new member, after being escorted to the stage, was presented a red carnation.

Following the candle lighting ceremony, the thirty-two new members were sworn in by Kenny Moore.

After A Choir had sung the benediction, a reception was held in the cafeteria for inductees and their parents, and the charter members.



Representing IHS on April 8 at the Jefferson's Fiesta was Marty Forsyth escorted by Vic Boozer.



Escorted by Larry Finton, Leta Young represented the Rockets at Burges-In-Bloom April 8.

## Irvin Places In NM Meet

Bone-chilling wind and cold weather hampered the Irvin track squad as the Rockets invaded the Las Cruces Bulldogs' domain Wednesday, March 29.

El Paso Tech, Ysleta, and Bel Air captured scoring honors in the close New Mexico meet. Ysleta finished first with 68.3 points, Bel Air was second with 55.6, and Tech was third with 55.5.

Alamogordo finished fourth with 37.6 points.

Other team scores were Las Cruces, 344; Albuquerque Valley, 31.6; Gadsden 26.5; Cobre, 9.5; Bowie, 7; and Irvin, 3.6.

Louis James of Bel Air shattered the discus record of 142' 3" with a muscular heave of 151' 5".

For Irvin, Klaus Hille leaped to fifth place in the broad jump for one point. Fred Saltus scored two points with a fourth place in the 880 and Jim Larkin tied in the high jump for the remaining score.

## Rocket Baseball Results

### Irvin-Burges

A powerful hitting streak of 20 hits compared to Burges' 6 gave the Irvin Rockets a 13 to 5 win over the Burges Mustangs. This was Irvin's first varsity baseball victory for the '61 district race. Whitey

Jeffers went all the way for the Rockets while Joe Poteet maintained the home plate for the Rockets. This gave the Rocket baseballers a one win and one loss in the district 4-AAAA.



Irvin sewing winners Millie Erion, Judy Bibb, Madelyn Hammond and Linda Oatman admire Annette Steel's prize-winning dress. All of the girls are wearing the dresses which won honors for them in recent city-wide contest.

## Rocket B Team Cops 5th Place

Irvin's B tracksters finished 5th among 9 schools in an all city meet held at Burges last Saturday. El Paso high finished first with a 175 points.

Irvin had a total of 37 points which were tallied by Jack Nunn, 1st place in the pole vault; Hicks, 5th in the Discus; Hackerson and Dyal placed 3rd and 4th respectively in the broad jump; 440 relay team placed 5th; Jones, 120 high hurdles, 6th place; Dyal, 6th in the 100 yard dash; Pendelton, 6th place in the 440; Delgado, 3rd in the mile; and Irvin mile relay team, 6th in the mile relay.

# Around Irvin . . . . .

The senior trip to Ruidoso, so I heard, was really a blast. I wish I could have seen our high and mighty seniors falling out of trees, off horses, trying to howl, gaily tripping down the treacherous mountains. Despite a few slight mishaps, I am very glad to see them all back in one piece.

The seniors are really busy little people these days. Proudly giving out name cards, preparing for the senior follies, senior play,

and the prom, all are a part of being a senior, one phase I'm not sure I'll go through. It really makes me happy to see all you big kids so excit-

ed but the school is going to seem rather empty without Marty Forsyth, Pam Stratton, Janet Kaiser, Karen Robinson, Georgie Dirmeyer (whom we always miss), Colleen Cronan, Jean Springfield, Bob "Speedster" Massey, Etah McCoy and the rest of the glorious class of '61. You've done a lot to make Irvin the great school it is and your class will long be remembered (till September of '61,, anyway).



The senior play to be presented on May 5 and 6 is the hilarious comedy "The Curious Savage." Mr. Boutwell has been working madly with his sixth period class to make this crazy play which takes place in an insane asylum a success. Eddie Saenz says everyone should come watch him, Kim Espy, Sandra Miller, Carol Smith, Clyde Jeffcoat and the rest of the cast exhibit their amazing display of talent. From what I have heard, Irvin's first senior play should rate among the best.

The Senior Follies are also coming soon, although I don't know exactly when. I do know the theme is going to be "Paris" and "South Pacific." How about a hula dance from you gorgeous boys?

We should all be very proud of our "B" track and baseball teams. They seldom receive the recognition they deserve because of the fact that they are not varsity, but these are the boys who will soon move up to varsity and fight for our name. If you haven't been watching the results of the meets and games, take notice. These boys are real toughies!

The tennis team recently traveled around various parts of the state and made a very commendable showing for Irvin. They worked long and hard, winning many of their matches.

How about the last issue of the Observer? For a while there I was almost convinced our seniors toured Disneyland for Senior Ditch Day. I got pretty shook up to hear I wouldn't be able to bring my car to school anymore or leave the campus for lunch. One idea I couldn't quite agree upon was the idea of having one way traffic in the halls. That was going just a little too far. I was almost disappointed to find though, that the paper was the annual April Fool's Absorver and most of the stories were jokes.

The Junior Prom's decorations were the prettiest I have seen in a long time. Many industrious juniors put in hours of hard work preparing for the big dance. Leighton Kohlass did a fabulous job on posters. They were most appealing, and I'm sure they were very tempting advertisements to the prom.

Seems just about everybody has bought a pair of tennis shoes. I even got myself some, and wheee—I love 'em! It sure looks cool to see all the girls bouncing down the halls in their colored grasshoppers.

I don't think I'll ever recover from the Easter vacation. It just made me wish summer would get here all the sooner. Summer school isn't too beautiful a thought, but swimming pools and warm nights remedy the unhappy thought of homework continuing through the summer.

# One-Hitter Tossed By Machristie

Irvin's varsity baseball team played their first shutout game, by defeating the Tech Lions, 13-0 April 7 on the Rockets home field.

Larry Machristie, 1960 all-district baseball player, pitched a one hitter, striking out 12 of the Lions. Captain, Bob Berryhill, caught for the Rockets, Machristie, along with Steve Legg hit three for three to help the Rockets cause.

Frank Arriola, left fielder, was the big gun for Irvin in the hitting column with a home run, with the bases loaded.

Coach Anderson stated that the game was won on a great team effort.

# Senior Follies To Have Paris-Polynesia Theme

By KATHY CUNNINGHAM

Ah, "so—velly good," Zee Folies Seniors is underway! With a Parisian-Polynesia motif for the Follies, the class of '61 has begun serious work on the production which will be staged at the end of April.

Under the direction of Miles O. Culver, a 25-piece band is working up the lively show tunes which will spark the Follies. David Cohen, faculty adviser to the Follies committee, and a showman in his own right, is directing the choreography of the show. Hardy Matthews, also an adviser, has been assisting the committee in various ways. Besides music, singing, and dancing, several comedy acts and specials are being planned.

Art students, with the help of

Mrs. Helen McManus are designing and constructing the colorful sets.

Co-chairmen of the Senior Follies committee, John Cram and Kathy Cunningham state that this show should be the best production of such a nature staged so far at Irvin high school.

The Follies will be presented at assemblies to the student body, at a cost of 25 cents per person and in the evening under the auspices of the PTA.

## *Irvin's FHA Represented At Conclave*

Representing Irvin FHA, Linda Oatman and Kathy Papp will attend the FHA State Convention, April 2 in Dallas, Texas, Mrs. Ivah Ashley, Irvin FHA sponsor, will also attend this convention.

Every year FHA chapter in Texas is allowed to send two representatives to the state convention.

At the convention, programs are presented based on FHA purposes. Election of state officers for the following year are also held.

Linda was recently elected district secretary for the 1961-62 term and Kathy is area second vice-president.



# Rocket B Baseball Team Is First In District Play

El Paso High managed to stop the Irvin B. Rockets in their winning streak by a score of 7-2, last Monday on Irvin's field.

The B Tigers who were lucky in their fielding and weak at the pitcher's mound, took advantage of Irvin errors. Hinson was the losing pitcher; he was relieved by Paul Laurey in the fifth. Fox and Strasser caught for the B Rockets. Sims hit a double.

## Irvin-Burges

Irvin's B Rockets, undisputed district leaders in B team competition, racked up an 10-8 victory over the Burges Mustangs on Friday, March 24. Irvin was behind until the last part of the last inning but made a tremendous comeback to beat the Horsemen.

Jimmy Parsons relieved Paul Laury midway through the third inning and was credited with the win. Strasser did the catching all the way for Irvin. The Rockets had a slight advantage of playing on their own field, and this coupled with the fine hitting of Butch Mitchell and Red Beaver completed the rout of the Mustangs.

## Irvin-Ysleta

The B team traveled to Ysleta's home grounds to pull a tough game from the fire, Wednesday, March 29. Winning pitcher Dearl Hinson and Gary Dyer did the hurling for Irvin and helped a fifth inning slug fast accomplish a nice comeback. Trailing 4-0 with two outs the Rockets started blasting away with their "heavy wood" to score eight runs before the third out was called.

## Irvin-Bel Air

The Irvin 'B' baseball met the Bel Air Highlanders with open

arms last Tuesday, April 4. The Clansmen jumped to a quick 1-0 lead and held on trying to stalemate the Rockets but were soon swamped under as the battery of big wood from Irvin warmed up. At the end of the Rocket barrage, Irvin led 4-0 and held on till the final out.

## Irvin-Tech

The Irvin B Rockets held their winning streak April 7 by downing Tech, 4-2 in the Rockets fifth consecutive win. Irvin who was behind most of the game tied it up in the fifth inning and went into an extra inning to win.

Gary Dyer was the winning pitcher while Strasser caught for him. Jimmy Parsons hit 3 for 3 for the B Rocketeers.

## Irvin In Meet

Bentley Boggs and Ben Hall scored all of Irvin's varsity track points in a district track meet held at Burges last Saturday. Bentley scored 4 points in the high hurdles and Ben scored one in the pole vault.

Early morning winds called off the meet until that afternoon. A few of Irvin's varsity trackmen could not come back for afternoon events. Burges came out on top of the event followed up by Albuquerque and Irvin.

# Seniors Invade Ruidoso

The TRIP had finally come and the seniors were off promptly, well, maybe not, exactly, at 6:30, but they did get moving exactly at 6:52 that eventful Thursday morning, April 6. Most everyone was too sleepy to exercise his vocal chords or try his hand at playing cards on the way to Ruidoso, New Mexico. Except for a stop at Alamogordo, nothing really "earth shattering" took place on the busses.

Then just a few minutes before 9:30, Ruidoso came into view—with its brand new highway—under construction! The bumps were REALLY felt while the lipstick was being re-applied and the hair re-combed, but somehow all 5 busses made it to the Navajo Lodge in one place. A fast scattering of over 170 red-blooded American boys and girls took place while the small picturesque town of Ruidoso, nestled high in the mountains, shuddered and prepared for a mass invasion.

Before long, curios were being bought; horses, rented for an hour, were clomping down the to-be thoroughfare; mountains were being conquered and the roller rink

was enjoying an enormous boom in business. At 12, the sun was just beginning to come from behind the dark clouds as 170 Irvin high seniors trudged back to the Lodge to report in and eat.

Quickly after the feeding hour another dispersion took place—some going back to where they had been before lunch, others wanting to do something else. Some went here—others there, but all were taking advantage of their Ditch Day. Back to the Navajo Lodge, the seniors all came again, just a bit before the departure time of 3:30. Because of missing people and missing horses and one real casualty, the departure time was delayed for almost an hour. And again 170 seniors were off. The busses hummed with talks of the days activities, cards were being played, and sleepy-heads snoozed-on the way back home from the very eventful senior trip.

# Students Recognized In New Section Of Orbit

Outstanding students in the individual courses at Irvin high school have been chosen by the faculty for 1960-61. The thirty-two top students in a particular course will be represented in the "Faculty Presents" section of the Orbit.

Receiving recognition in the mathematics field were Dave Roen, senior math; Pat Peterson, junior math; and Jim Dunlap, sophomore math.

Top English students are Carole McCool, senior English, James Ezell, junior English; Jim Chipps, sophomore English; and Jann Rummig, freshman English. Phyllis Gill received the honor for her performance in journalism, and Susan Phier for speech studies.

Jimmy Gillespie is Irvin's top chemistry student; Thain Marston has excelled in physics, and Kathleen Cunningham in biology.

Recognition of excellence in French went to Paul Colman. James Cullington is the top Latin student, and Eddie Kee and Kenneth Renner received the German and Spanish recognition respectively.

In the social studies department, Linda Leonard was the outstanding world history student, Mary Lunny received the American history award and Karen Moore the civics-modern problems award.

Top student in orchestra is Carole Lindquist, in band A. R. Garcia, and in vocal music Judy Ellis.

Other awards presented were typing, Sharon Conroy; shorthand and bookkeeping Madeline Hammond; art, Barbara Sharik; mechanical drawing, Lynne Teichert; and Home economics, Millie Erion.

In the P. E. department Joannie Freiburg was the top girl student, and James Soller the boy. Receiving the modern dance award was Sandy Sellman. Carol Hoffman and Lanny Clelland received girl's and boy's tennis awards respectively.

# Kathy Madsen Wins Irvin Spelling Bee

"Concomitant." With the correct spelling of this word followed by the spelling of "ecclesiastical," eighth grade student Kathy Madsen became Irvin Intermediate School's champion speller.

Competition to determine the champion was held at an assembly Friday, April 7. Finalist were Eileen Groff, John Thornton, Jim Angaran, Robert Johnson, Steven Kohlhausen, Connie Allen, Linda Savan, and Mike Kalcow.

Miss Donna Spearman was in charge of plans for the spelling bee. Judges were Mrs. Lillie Rankin, Sydney Turner, David Cohen, Carlos Blanco, Mrs. Christina Glass, Roy Johnson.

All intermediate students were eligible to participate in the contest and winner of the El Paso finals to be held May 5 and 6 will go on to the national finals in Washington, D. C., where there will be entertainment and sight seeing for all local winners and prizes of more than \$5,000 and a New York trip for the national champion.

Sponsored locally by the El Paso Herald-Post, national sponsors of the contest are Cripps-Howard newspapers.

# JCL Holds Roman Fete

The Junior Classical League, Latin Club, here at Irvin reverted back to the "good ole days" of Caesar's empire by having a Roman Banquet at Pappy's Pancake Palace, Wednesday evening March 29.

Appropriate dress consisted of modern day togas (made over sheets!), sanals, (thongs from last summer), and olive branches for the head (twigs off the nearest tree). All second year Latin students got their revenge on the first year students by making them honorary slaves. Duties such as filling their master's plate and washing his or feet were performed faithfully by all the "firsties." And just to keep the slaves in line, punishments were offered in the case of a "revolt" as James Cullington so "knows." (He had to roll a grape across the floor with his nose!)

Three Vestal Virgins from each Latin Class were chosen beforehand to tend to the fire of Vestal. Merriellen Grant who was Latin Club's representative to the beauty pageant, was the chief Vestal Virgin. She was assisted by Carol Toney, Sandra Lowery, Jan Rumimng, and Phyllis Griffin.

Chaperones for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. John B. Griffon. Mrs. Beatrice Mayhon, Latin Club sponsor was not able to attend the banquet because of illness.

# Style Board Announced

Four representatives to the White House Board of Junior Fashion for the 61-62 school year are Sharon Conroy, Karen Kirkland, Phyllis Gill and Leighton Kohloss. All of the girls will be seniors in the fall. Chosen by the faculty on the basis of scholarship and character, the representatives will model, participate in group activities and attend monthly luncheons as board members.

Sharon is a member of National Honor Society, FBLA, Sigma Phi, Modern Dance club and was freshman editor of the *Orbit* in '59 and '60 and a representative to the Beauty Pageant.

Quill and Scroll, NHS, vice-president of Modern Dance club, treasurer of Sigma Phi, vice-president of FTA, Observer Staff reporter and FTA Trans-Pecos section secretary are the activities and honors of Phyllis Gill.

Leighton numbers NHS, Sigma Phi and Art Club among her extra-curricular schedule. She is also a member of FTA, treasurer of Skylarks and was the representative from that club to the Beauty Pageant.

Karen Kirkland is secretary of the senior bowling league. Before coming to Irvin, she attended Reynolds high school in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

# TIL Slated Tomorrow

The first phase of the Interscholastic League program will be held at Texas Western College, tomorrow. Winners from this district contest will proceed to regional which will be held in Odessa on April 22. Irvin's academic Interscholastic League contestants are Susan Phifer, Eddie Kee, Sharon Grimmesey, Kathy Cunningham, Alta Jean Eaton, Barbara Hudson, Steve Fink, Clay Messier, Jene Hayden, Judy Tierce, Denise Wagener, James Ezell, April Hennesey, Pam Davis, Carol Boullion, Judy Farnsworth, Janet Aycock, Carol Cerneghan, Sandra Marie Miller, Carol Smith, Robert Neill, Jo Ann Hoffman, Kathy Hitchcock, Eric Clifford, Eileen Groff, Helen Bounds and Phyllis Gill.

Donna Petty, Mary Lee Cowgill, Corlea Haren, Larry Wilkinson, Gail Turner, Pat Schmolze, Barbara Evans and Marty Forsyth will represent the commercial department.

## ***Eighth Grade News***

By KRISTINE NELSON

Recently the eighth grade had an assembly. The purpose of this assembly was to present our eighth grade cheer leaders with their letters. They are Sheila O'Leary, Paula Grady, Linda Long, Brenda Green, and Ruthie Wallace. Our cheer leaders were a credit to our name. They went where the team went. Most of the schools who came to our fields didn't have their cheer leaders with them, but ours were at every game, cheering the players on.

In addition to this presentation, Mrs. Floyd, the eighth grade physical education teacher, presented the eighth grade girls' basketball team with some ribbons. Although these girls didn't win any games, they had lots of fun. The girls of the basketball team were Cary Lawrence, Pat Del Rosario, Dianne Jones, Jane Tierce, Ann Smith, Jackie Scott, Brenda Matlock, Suzie Headley, Linda Matlock, Vivian Pino, Patty Hohn, Cathy Madison, Karen Angelo, Jane Bratcher, Karen Coman, Sharon Pitts, Joyce Carr, Vivian Salva, Linda Miller, Riley Olmsted, Angie Garcia, Connie Allen, Paulette Peckenpaugh, and Kris Nelson.

## **Intermediates Are Tops At Science Fair**

The Science Fair at Texas Western College over April 6, 7 and 8 was a coup for Irvin in the Junior High division. Irvin Intermediate received an award for the most participation and the most entries.

Cesar Ancheta received a second place award in the mathematics division. In the Engineering division, John Byers and Mike Nall won a second place award.

A first place award was won by the eighth grade classes H, G, and M. Their project was entered in the Physics division. Coach Johnson was the sponsor for this project. In the Physiographical Sciences, Scott Saylor and Maurice Welch won a fourth place award.

Larry Wilkinson came through for the senior high winning two awards. Larry received a first place in aerospace medicine and a second place award in biology.

## **Rockets Overtake Panthers**

The Rockets came from behind Wednesday to blast the Austin Panthers 10-6 on the Irvin field.

The Irvin team staged a five-run round in the fourth inning which saw them go ahead 5-4. Austin scored two in the top of the sixth which saw them go ahead 5-4. Austin scored two in the top frame to again lead but the Rockets retaliated with another five-run barrage led by Bob Berryhill in the bottom of the inning.

The Panthers outhit the Rockets 9-7 but errors afield allowed the Irvin team which bunched its hits to push more men across the plate for scores.

Larry Machristie and Bob Berryhill were the winning battery for the Rockets. John Phelan was losing pitcher.

# Irvin Girls Participate In Contest

Spring fashions made and modeled by El Paso Teenage seamstresses were displayed for prizes Saturday, April 8, at the Annual Parade of Spring Fashions sponsored by the Popular Dry Goods Company.

Five prizes out of a total of nineteen were won by Irvin homemaking students. Madelyn Hammond received a \$15 gift certificate for placing first in the casual dress division. \$10 gift certificates were won by Judy Bibb and Linda Oatman for placing second in the casual and tailored dress divisions respectively. Millie Erion and Annette Steele placed third in the tailored and school dress divisions.

Irvin homemaking students who entered the contest were Judy Bibb, Jean Bracy, Millie Erion, Drinda Green, Madelyn Hammond, Karen Hoffman, Melva Lawrence, Linda Leonard, Kathy McClesky, Lea McCollum, Linda Catman, Linda Schuk, Pam Scudday, Pam Stack, Ann Stanley, Annette Steele, and Lee Ann Stone.

the casual dress, the school dress, and the tailored dress or formal.

General appearance, workmanship and appropriate accessories were the points considered by the Judges in choosing the winners.

First, second, third prizes and two honorable mentions were awarded in each group that had ten or more entries under each type dress. The Grand Prize, a portable Singer sewing machine was given to the overall winner.

# Lions Hear Ensemble

Performing for the first time, the Irvin band brass ensemble played for the Skyline Lion's Club March 28 at the Colonial Motel.

While the ensemble played selections from "South Pacific" by Rodgers and Hammerstein, Russell Teel sang "Some Enchanted Evening" and "Bali Hai." Selections from "Gigi" by Lerner and Lowe and "Lullaby of Birdland" by Shearing were the other songs played.

The ensemble consists of saxophone, baritone, trombone, tuba, flute, clarinet, French horn, and percussion players.

Saxophone players in the ensemble are Charles Cheek, A. R. Garcia, Mauro Hernández and Norine Olson. William Swain is the tuba player. Providing baritone tones are Eric Clifford and Robert Neill. Greg Myers and Joe Dale Morris composed the trombone section.

Lee Basset, Mary Lee Cowgill, Phyllis Griffin, Bobbie Hays, Philip Smith, and Hal Wilson play the clarinet. Playing alto clarinet is Sharon Eastburn and the bass clarinet player is Linda Pilcher. Sharla Kraeger and Judi Lotspeich play flute.

Coronet players are Jack Angaran, Richard Evarts, Billy Stillwell, and James Takajy. Allen Buechler and Jean Roberts play French horn. The percussion player is Marion Spear.

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## Rocket Baseball Results

### Irvin vs. Bowie

Irvin varsity baseballers were downed by a score of 4-2 by the Bowie Bears at Bowie on Friday 14.

Frank Arriola, who struck out 13 Bears, was the losing pitcher "because of a costly error by the Rockets and inability to hit at vital moments," Coach Anderson of the Rockets reported. Bob Berryhill fortified home plate for the Rockets.

Whitey Jeffers, Robert Waller, and Larry Machristie got two, two, and one hits for the Rockets respectively.

### Irvin vs. Cathedral

A strong barrage by Irvin hitters and the fine pitching of Steve Legg over powered the Irish of Cathedral by a score of 12-5 here at Irvin last Friday April 21. Irvin pounded out 7 hits compared to the Irishmen's 5 took an early lead in the first inning by blasting off with 5 runs. Irvin's battery was held by Steve Burroughs, Bob Harris, Bob Berryhill, and Steve Legg who hit a homer. Of Cathedral's five runs two of them were unearned by errors in the seventh inning.

# Around Irvin

Now that school is near its end, I almost hate to leave. Things have been going mighty good around Irvin this year and we have gained much to be proud of.

A happy memory is beating Austin in basketball and baseball. I feel sorry for the graduates who will be unable to see them clobbered in football also. This is the year that tradition was started in full force. The Beauty Dance will probably be an annual event from now

on. The Homecoming game with the caravan to the game and the Homecoming Dance will long be remembered by those in attendance.

The band has been the most outstanding in all the world as far as I'm concerned. Mr. Culver and his energetic pep band is one factor that almost made our school spirit.



Student Council has been working at an almost unbelievable speed, never letting down on its school support. They have gained for us in our second year enthusiasm and privileges that other schools in El Paso still don't have. I am, right along with everyone else in Irvin, so very, very proud that I was a beneficiary to all the good that came my way just by being a student here.

The juniors were overwhelmed to receive their senior rings so soon. I scrub mine every night and it's half a miracle my poor ring is still in one piece.

I guess spring training is going pretty good. I hope there's no big husky athlete who didn't go out for football. Last year our boys did a great job and with a little more training—boy, what toughies!

Today's Senior Follies under the direction of Mr. Cohen and Mr. Mathews are going to be the best ever, and that is not a prejudiced statement. The

class of Irvin '61 is the first to ever have a set and be enact a regular production. The acts look almost, well, all the way, professional and I hope no one forgot to buy a ticket to this spectacular event.

One thing not to forget is the performance being held tomorrow night which you may attend. The lighting is going to be fabulous and should go great with some of the dances Miss Knight has worked up. I can hardly wait until the first performance!

Irvin sure seems empty without Pam Jackley and Larry Finton. Both are ill and are now making William Beaumont Army Hospital their home. Pam and Larry would appreciate any visitors. I'm sure. Maybe I should go see them . . .

Cheerleading tryouts are about here and the sophomore and junior girls are practicing diligently. I was glad to hear so many spirited girls had turned out. Best of luck to each of you—and may the five best win. Then after election if you can't find a mascot, I've got a little sister.

# SC Members Attend TASC

Dances, swimming parties, discussion groups, workshops, and political campaigns were some of the varied events that made up the Texas Association of Student Councils annual convention in Odessa March 23-25. Corlea Haren, Janet Rice, Gary Paxton, and Vic Duchene represented Irvin and returned filled with ideas on how to improve the student council and the school.

Leaving from Five Points at 8:00 a. m. Thursday morning, with six other El Paso schools represented, the group reached Odessa at 4:00 and plunged into the weekend's activities. First on the agenda was a program composed of several speakers among whom were Dr. James Jauncy of El Paso, and Gerald Banpool, from the National Association of Secondary Schools Principals.

Friday morning there was a selection of 51 problem clinics from which to choose. Vic attended "How

can student councils be of most service to high school;" Janet, "What's new in student councils?"; Gary, "How can student council promote and encourage pride in the school?"; and Corlea, a swap shop of miscellaneous ideas.

In the afternoon there were 52 discussion groups that the representatives attended and also a panel of foreign students from Switzerland, England, Austria, Germany, Norway and Italy who discussed the differences in the American educational system.

The last event was the formal dance Friday night and after the general session Saturday morning the El Paso delegates left for home.

The theme of the meet was "Honor the Past—Serve the Future." One of the highlights of the weekend was the campaign for officers which was conducted like a true political convention complete with posters, speeches, and buttons and tags. The representatives stayed with Odessa families.

# FHA Holds Style Show

Gaily colored prints and stripes in cottons and silks were on parade at the first style show staged by Irvin FHA Friday, April 14. Special guests attending the function were seventh grade girls from Crosby elementary.

FHA president Lea McCollum welcomed the guests to the final activity held by the club in observance of FHA Week. Narrating was John Cram, 1959-1960 FHA Beau. Models included members of the club and Irvin place winners in the Popular Dry Goods Company sewing contest.

All the fashions and some accessories were made by the models. School dresses, clothes for date, street, and church wear, tailored outfits with matching accessories, sportswear and even a mu-mu were among the spring fashions on display.

A reception and tea hour followed in the homemaking living room.

Earlier in the week club member and district vice-president Kathy Papp assisted Mayor Telles in proclaiming April 9-15 FHA Week in El Paso, a new rose bush was added to those in the quadrangel, and future homemakers wore their colors—red and white—in observance of this nation-wide activity.



# Today Set For Third Sr. Follies

By KATHY CUNNINGHAM

Right now, you are probably asking yourself, "Now, why should I spend a quarter to see the Senior Follies during school on April 28?" If you will read further, you may want to spend another quarter to see it the evening of April 29, also,

David Cohen, faculty adviser and director-in-chief of the Follies, says, "In all my years in El Paso, never have I seen a high school Senior Follies presented with such a professional touch. No school in El Paso has ever had such sets (being prepared by Mr. Sikes Clive Cochran, Tommy Agnes, Bradley With, Harry Murphey, Bubba Cram), such songs, and such choreography. I am very pleased with the whole thing!"

A twenty-five piece band, directed by Miles O. Culver, has been practicing faithfully the lively show tunes from "Gigi" and "South Pacific" besides working up a terrific finale number.

Choreography is being directed by Miss Mary Knight and Mrs. Ruth Salter and special lighting effects are being handled by Howard Steele. Mrs. Hardy Matthews, who frequently substitutes at Irvin, is making costumes.

Of course, the script cannot be revealed at this time, but it can be said that the script is very interesting! The Senior Follies reveals the true nature of Parisians and Polynesians. You have heard about them, you have read about them; now, go see them!

The whole Senior Follies cast thinks that this will be the greatest off-Broadway production of the season. Ticket sales may even rival those of "My Fair Lady" and "West Side Story." If you would like to tell your children you were among the first to see such an outstanding, stupendous, colossal show, buy your ticket now, while they are still a quarter. They will never cost so little.

Dave Brantner—If we're still here it's going to be a lot bigger.

Donna Hilburn—I don't know but I'll probably still be here.

Roger Stone—I think it will be as beat up as EPHS.

# Senior Class Superlatives Are Selected

By CAROL ALMQUIST

At last it can be revealed! The seniors have picked their BESTEST. The Senior Superlatives have been chosen as a result of class voting at a senior meeting, April 20, in the Irvin cafeteria. They also chose "Freiburg" purple and white as their class colors, and the orchid as their class flower; these will be used in connection with the Senior Prom.

Leta Young has been chosen as the most beautiful senior girl. Vernon Bolstad, the handsomest boy. The cutest girl is Joannie Freiburg; wittiest boy is Larry Finton.

The girls' best athlete is Karen Butler, the boys' is Bob Berryhill. In Chris Allen and Thain Marston we find the most scholarly of the senior class. Most talented are Alta Jean Eaton and Jim Reese.

For the best dancers, the graduating class picked Etah McCoy, and John Thomas. The best all-around girl is Dottie Hocker; the boy is Steve Legg. Kathy Cunningham and Eddie Kee are denoted to have the most promising future.

The best dressed girl is Polly Sherman, and Alan Newton (with all his suits!) has been chosen the best dressed boy. In Marilyn Ross is found the biggest flirt, and in John Cram, the biggest wolf. And finally, the "Most of the Best" of the senior class are Suzanna Mayfield and Jesse Morrison.

# Campus Comments

If you have noticed that the names in the masthead are different in the Observer this time it's because the Journalism 2 class is putting out this cub edition. Eddie here, I'll now pass to Phyllis, who is co-editor of this edition.

The circumstances which we are writing this are rather dire with all the bumps and jolts on board the bus bound for Odessa which is taking Interscholastic League contestants there for competition Saturday, April 22.

Along with us are Pat Schmolze and Marylee Cowgill who are entering shorthand and typing respectively in the regional meet. Phyllis and I are entering the journalism contest.

Another trophy or plaque (we are not particular) sure would look good in the trophy case. Competing against us will be high school students from other districts in west Texas. It is going to be tough. I am looking forward to watching the one-act play competition tonight and the track meet tomorrow.

Phyllis has been polishing her new class ring since the trip started. Juniors seem very happy about their acquisitions. I have seen them walking in the hall flashing them with glowing expressions on their faces. I understand there is a ring polishing contest going on.

Yes, Gary Paxton claims first place honors. The occasion is rare when you don't see Gary rubbing his ring on a corner of his shirt tail. Just remember, Juniors, that the ring is worn with 'El Paso' away from you until graduation.

According to all present signs, by the time this edition of the Observer is out, the Orbit will have been distributed. Thain Marston, Orbit editor, tells us now that he is happy with his staff's product.

Arrival of the annual is always a highpoint in the school year. It climaxes reviews preceding events reminding students that another year is drawing to a close. It is the last for many but for still more it is just one step closer to the final goal—graduation. I take this opportunity to wish you, Eddie, and your fellow seniors the best of luck and happiness in the years to come as you travel your separate ways.

## Marston Selected As Representative To TU Atom Meet

Irvin senior Thain Marston has been notified that he has been chosen to attend the Texas Nuclear Science Symposium to be held at the University of Texas June 11-14.

In a letter, informing Thain he had been chosen, H. E. Charles, Superintendent of El Paso Public Schools, stated, "You were selected for your keen interest in science, which was brought to our attention by your principal and teachers."

The symposium is under the sponsorship of the Texas Atomic Energy Commission and the University of Texas. All expenses will be paid by the El Paso Electric Company.

## Gill Chosen Pres.

The Future Teachers of America met April 19 to elect new officers. New officers are as follows: president, Phyllis Gill; co-vice-presidents, Sharon Conroy, Corlea Haran; secretary, Leighton Kohloss; treasurer, Candy Jones.

FTA is sponsoring a membership drive which will continue through the end of school. All persons who may be interested in joining FTA or in becoming a teacher are invited to attend the next meeting on May third in room 104 after school.

# Eighth Grade Leads List With 19% On Honor Roll

The Select Scholar's List and the Dean's List combined, featured 13% of Irvin students for the fifth six weeks.

The eighth grade leads the list with a total of 19% on the honor roll. Of the 19%, 7% made the Select Scholars.

Seniors came in second place with 18% making the honor roll. 4% made the Select Scholars.

The juniors trailed with 11% and 5% for the Select Scholars. Sophomores rated 10% and freshman 9½%. 2% of the sophomores and 3% of the freshman made the Select Scholar's List.

Those Seniors who rated a 4.0 average or more were Cristine Allen, Judi Brefczynaski, Jeanie Froemel, John Hitchcock, Myrna Mattoy, Ellen Mieszala, Ann Peyton, Marian Philpot, Carol Smith, and Karen Moore.

Select Scholar Juniors include Glenda Atkinson, Linda Brigida, Judy Ellis, Dave Evans, James Ezell, Jimmy Gillespie, Allen Graham, Delores Jenkins, Leighton Kohloss, Juanita Pelletier, Pat Peterson, Michael Pilcher, Shirley Powell, Sharon Pugil, Janet Rice, Francis Robertson and Audrey Rogers.

The Sophomore's 2% who made the Select Scholars list were Jim Chipps, Jim Dunlap, Carole Lindquist, Rosemary Newth, Leeann Stone, Athlynn Teichert, Larry Wilkinson and William Yamin.

Freshman who achieved the honor are Judy Adams, Charles Brown, Barbara Burnacki, Roy Deen, Barbara-Ane Dilks, Chuck Gaeth, Helen Lang, Linda Leonard, Claire Ann Nussbaum Jane O'Dowd, Jann Rummig, Gay Sawyer, Philip Smith, Jane Van Hooser, Bob Vrieling, Nina Walters, Dolores Wheelless and Jackie Wilhite.

The eighth grade, with the most Select Scholars, name ten as Caesar Ancheta, Jim Angaran, Ricky Behrend, Helen Bounds, Kathy Crandall, Sina Ellis, Catherine Faila, Karen Falwell, Brenda Green, Eileen Groff, Jeffrey Hannon, Laura Hoffman, Pennye Johnston, Linda Leach, Betty Leveritt, Cathy Madsen, Hazel Maunder, Guy McCool, Nancy Mieszala, Jerry Munday, Riley Olmstead, Beth Owens, Linda Peavler, Linda Reck, Sandra Remy, Vivian Salva, Jackie Scott, Dolly Tice, and Bob Vardeman.

## Irvin Team Competes In Net Contest

In the interscholastic district tennis meet, held in El Paso on April 6, 7, and 8, the Irvin varsity tennis team placed sixth in the nine school competition.

After winning first rounds in the district meet Pam Jackley, Linda Knight, and Sandra Knight lost second rounds to Burges and El Paso high respectively. Pam Jackley was Irvin's entry for girl singles and Linda and Sandra Knight were the Rocket's double entry.

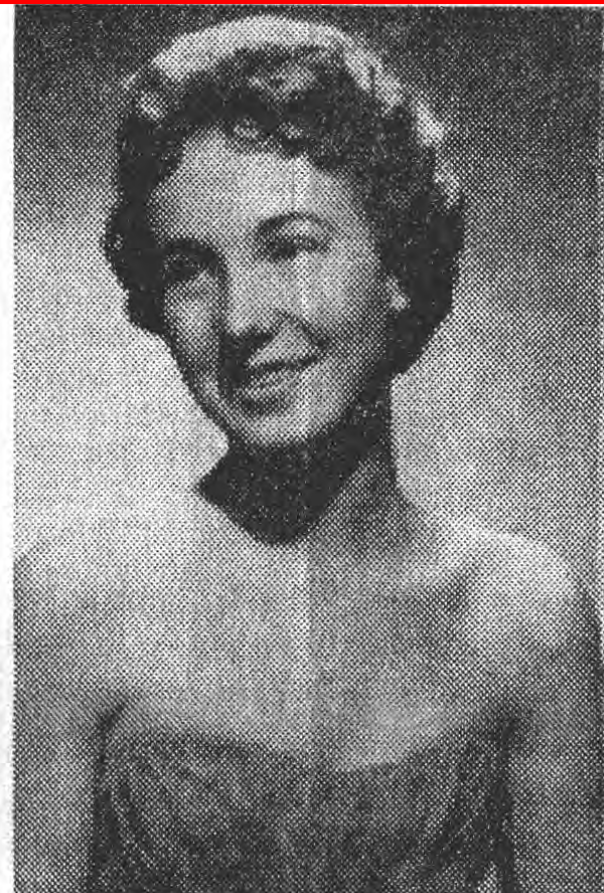
Boy's singles entry was John Shaw. John lost a close first round match to El Paso high. The boy's doubles team of Bobby Bennett and Larry Wilkinson lost to the Ysleta team in their first round of district play.



Escorted by Ron O'Fallon,  
Jackie Pierce represented IHS  
at Lions-In-Luxury, April 22.



Representing Irvin at the  
Bowie school Fiesta April 22  
was Jeanne Patrick. Her escort  
was Vernon Bolstad.



Sue Hayes represented Irvin  
at Bel Air's Highland High-  
lights April 20. She was escort-  
ed by Dick Beard.

# *Nat'l Honor Society Takes 21 Members*

National Honor Society of Irvin, Tobin Wells Chapter, admitted 21 new members in a tapping ceremony held April 18 during fifth period in the Irvin gymnasium.

New members, chosen on the basis of the group's four principles, character, scholarship, leadership, and service are Jimmy Baker, Margaret Durham, Dave

Evans, James Ezell, James Gillespie, Madeline Hammond, Bobbie Hays, Mary Lunney, Yolanda Martínez, Karen Moore, Robert Neill, Donna Nowell, Jaunita Pelletier, Ann Peyton, Vicki Phillips, Marion Philpot, Sharon Pugil, Carol Smith, Jack Smith, Mona Snow, and Don Tohill.

After the pledge of allegiance assembly manager Dottie Hocker began the gathering by introducing Carol Davis, who gave the invocation. Christine Allen, president of the society then introduced Boyd Caffey, Irvin assistant principal, who stressed the importance of NHS and its four principles.

Next in sequence came speeches by Honor Society officers on the individual principles. Vice-president Thain Marston spoke on character, secretary Alta Jean Eaton on leadership, treasurer Steve

Legg on scholarship, and historian Ellen Miszala on service. As each speech was completed speakers lit candles of silver, gold, blue, and red, each symbolizing one of the four principles.

After the speeches old members of the society began the process to reveal new NHS members. The old members walked among juniors and seniors seated in the front section of the auditorium, approaching an inductee and tapping him on the back. New girl members were presented a yellow rose and an invitation to admission and a membership card. Old members pinned ribbons of the society's colors blue and gold, on boy inductees and also gave them membership cards and invitations.

## **Freshman Net Team Downs Marfa April 15**

Freshman tennis players downed Marfa junior high by a match score 12 to 2, on Irvin's home courts.

Paul Connington and Sandra Knight won the top matches, for both played number one singles for Irvin. Only two girls singles matches were lost; all other matches were taken by the Rockets.

## **Chess Tournament**

Twelve of the seventeen Chess Club members competed in the club tournament which was held in the Irvin Cafeteria April 22. The three winning contestants are first, Benard McAnnally; second, Charles Gass; third, Wesley Hughes.

## Irvin Takes 2nd At TIL

Irvin students competing in Texas Interscholastic League District 1-AAAA contest at Texas Western College April 15 won enough honors to place Irvin second in the district in the literary division with two first place awards won, five second, and six third places.

Awards in both business course competitions, shorthand and typing, were won by Irvin students. In the typing contest, Marylee Cowgill placed first and Gayle Turner second.

Top contestant in shorthand was Pat Schmolze, with Bobbi Evans and Marty Forsyth taking second and third places respectively.

In the ready writing division Irvinite Kathy Cunningham received second place designation and Robert Neill third.

Irvin students who entered the speech divisions and their respective awards are as follows: Sharon Grimmes, second place, original

oration; Bonnie Leaklinker, third place, poetry reading; and Susan Pfifer, third place, declamation. Although Irvin failed to place in one-act play competition, junior James Ezell was named as one of the outstanding male supporting actors.

Phyllis Gill and Eduard Kee won second and third place journalism awards respectively. Combined the two had the top team score in journalism.

In the Texas Interscholastic League regional meet held April 22 in Odessa, Texas, two Irvin students took places in shorthand and journalism contests. Senior Pat Schmolze won second place in the typing competition and junior Phyllis Gill won third place journalism. Pat will attend the state shorthand contest in Austin May 6.

## Track Team Competes In Eliminations

In order to find the top competitors in district Interscholastic League a semi-regional track meet was held April 14 and 15 to send the top two competitors from each event to the regional meet held at Odessa.

Irvin failed to place anyone in the top two, but managed to gain a few points in the lower places. Dave Nichols tied with another trackster for fourth place in the broad jump, while Terry Riley sped to fifth place in the 100 yard dash. Fred Saltus also placed fifth in the 880 yard dash, and Jim Larkin tied for the same place in the high jump. The 440 yard relay team also made a fine showing by placing sixth among other competition. Vernon Bolstead, Bill Arket, Dave Nichols and Terry Riley comprised the relay team.

# Spectators Applaud Dancers

Modern dance classes under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Salter, performed "An Hour of Dance" before a capacity crowd Friday evening, April 14, in the Irvin gym.

The audience was entertained with a variety of dances including spiritual, march, cha-cha, ballet, waltz and jazz numbers. Choreography was by Mrs. Salter. Mrs. Elena González played the piano accompaniment. "Dixie Melody," "Swing Low," "Anchors Aweigh," and "Blue Violins" were but a few of the songs that were set to dance. The mood of the dances was made more effective by costumes in a bright array of colors.

The Modern Dance Club, directed by Miss Mary Knight, danced as piano keys playing "Chopsticks." Soprano and baritone solos were sung by Janet Rice and Russell Teel during intermissions. Alta Jean Eaton narrated the program.

In commenting on the perform-

ance of the dancers, Mrs. Salter stated, "I am real proud of the girls. As a whole the program went very smoothly—everything came off just right." She continued, "I was especially pleased with the patrons." This program was the support given by the school and first in the history of Irvin to be staged by the modern dance classes.

Sandy Sellman, president of Modern Dance Club, presented Mrs. Salter a dozen red roses at the close of the program in appreciation for her efforts in putting the show together.

## 4 'B' Tracksters Place In Meet Held April 18

Irvin's B track team competed in a track meet at Burges on April 8. Irvin's big man of the day was Jack Nunn who took first in the pole vault. In the broad jump, Lynn Hackerson and Bob Brantner took third and fourth respectively. In the mile event Albert Delgado, who in Coach DiCarlo's words is "a very promising freshman" took third.

The other schools competing in the meet were Austin, Burges, Bowie, Jefferson, El Paso High, and El Paso Tech.

## Roving Reporter

This week's question was: "What do you think Irvin will be like in 20 years?" These are some of the answers:

Barbara Logan—I think we will be an old established school that is well known and liked not snubbed.

Ronniece Taylor—I think it will be the same to them as it is to us.

Mrs. Cuijly—We will have 3,000 students and we will have rooftop classrooms.

Marty Forsyth—It will be 20 years older than it is today.

Hilda Kelley—I don't think it will be as strict since we are a new now and have to start out right.

Barbie Reed—It would be better if it had 6 weeping willows in front.

# B Baseball Team Wins 1, Loses 3

## Irvin vs. Austin

The Irvin B team went down in defeat before the Austin B team April 12 on the Austin field by a score of 7-2. Dyer and Strausser were the losing battery for Irvin. Going into the game, Irvin and El Paso High were tied for first place.

## Irvin vs. Bowie

Irvin's B team was victorious in their game with Bowie April 14 by a score of 9-4. Dearl Hinson was the winning pitcher for the Rockets. Big bats for Irvin were Jirón and Parsons with three hits each. There was a three-way tie going into the game for first place between El Paso, Bel Air, and Irvin.

## Irvin vs. Jefferson

Last Monday, April 17, Irvin's B team was defeated by the Jefferson B team by the score of 13-4. Dyer was the starting pitcher for Irvin, but was relieved in the last inning by Lowrey. Coach Leonard's comment on the game was, "weak infielding and poor support for Dyer."

## Irvin vs. Burges

The Irvin B team fell before the Burges B team Wednesday, April 19 by a score of 2-1. It was a close game all the way, with the losing pitcher Hinson allowing only 2 hits, while Irvin collected three hits against Burges.

# High Seniors To Present 'Curious Savage' On May 3

"And if I laugh at any mortal thing—'Tis that I may not weep."—These words from Byron, spoken by a character in the senior play, "The Curious Savage," to be presented May 6, capsule the theme of the production.

In a small New England "home" for mental patients there develop situations both humorous and dramatic. There is the dilemma of Mrs. Savage, who feels here senator-son and his brother and fiery sister have committed her without just reason, and the often hilarious methods she uses to contest their actions. Imagine a senator caught digging in the White House greenhouse. There is Hannibal, who plays a one-stringed violin, believing the product of his efforts is Bach. Fairy Mae says she was kidnapped once by gypsies, that her parents were albinos. Florence is so kind she catches flies to put them out, away from harm. Mrs. Paddy is silent, she only speaks to explain what she hates. Jeff is consciously aware of a nonexistent scar—these are but bits of the characters' personalities in "The Curious Savage," by John Patrick.

In the Irvin production of the play Florence will be played by Connie Hoons; Hannibal by James Ezell, Fairy Mae by Susan Phifer, Jeffrey by Phil Harris, Mrs. Paddy by Pam Davis. Taking the part of Titus will be Kim Espy; Samuel, Eddie Saenz; Lilly Belle, Sandra Miller; Ethel, Carol Smith; Miss Whilhelmina, Carol Boullion; and Dr. Emmett Eduard Kee. Mr. Boutwell is sponsor of the play.

To give better effect, and because of the gym, "The Curious Savage" will be a theatre-in-the-round production, with the audience quite near the actors, on the stage.

Only 300 tickets will be sold due to the limited seating possibilities of theatre-in-the-round, with 150 in attendance at each performance.



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## New Rockets Win

Next year's varsity football team, coached by Al DiCarlo and Ted Kepple surprised the exes with a 6-0 win Saturday morning May 13. The lone score of the game was Joe Poteet's 85 yard kickoff return starting second half. Some of the star players for the varsity were Eric Hartwick, Ronnie Hicks and Leslie Catoe.

Coaching the seniors was Major Berryhill. Outstanding on the senior team were Dave Nickols, Vic Duchene, Virgil Gentry and Jean Springfield.

## Hocker Gets First Place

Placing first in the recent annual Driving Road-e-o was Irvin senior Dottie Hocker. Bryson McCool placed third in the annual spring event held Saturday, May 12 in the Coliseum.

To qualify for the Road-e-o Dottie and Bryson, along with other Irvin students, took a written test on driving rules.

Contestants drove 1961 Fords, Chevrolets, Plymouths, Mercurys and Dodges. Dottie and Bryson both received individual trophies. A large trophy, presently in the trophy case, was presented to the school.

Dottie will go to Monahans, Texas, for state competition Saturday, May 20. The state winner will go to the national competition where the winner will be the recipient of a scholarship to the college of his or her choice.

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## *Top Graduates*



**ELLEN MIEZALA**  
Valedictorian



**DOTTIE HOCKER**  
Salutatorian

## *'Memories' Theme Of 1961 Prom*

"Moments to Remember" was the theme of the senior prom held Friday, May 12, from 8 to 12 in the gym.

The decorations, done under the chairmanship of Dottie Hocker, followed a "Garden of Memories" scheme. Huge parachutes, in the class colors purple and white, floated overhead with crepe paper streamers which were also in the senior colors flowing downward.

Pitchers containing bouquets of flowers were mounted at intervals between loops of paper flower garlands. Along the west side of the gym, many of the different activities of the year were pictured.

Dance music for the prom was played by Johnny Vana's band and refreshments of cold drinks and chip-o's were served.

# Irvin Concludes Successful Second Season Of Athletics

By DICK BEARD

A year of athletics and competition was witnessed by the Irvin student body in 1960-61.

Our first year in varsity football competition gave Irvin a 4-4-1 record which is something to be proud of. The first varsity victory was over Van Horn 32-8. Then came the biggest game of the year, Homecoming. The Rockets faced the strong Cobre (N.M.) Indians and sent them home defeated 31-22 for Irvin's first homecoming victory.

The most valuable players were chosen for their great leadership and hustle. Bob Berryhill was chosen as the most valuable all-around player. Vic Duchene was selected as the most valuable lineman, and Dave Nichols was chosen as the most valuable back. This was surely a great year for football.

Basketball season was opened November 23 with the Rockets by defeating Tech. The Rockets fought hard all season long and it payed off with a 15 win and 10 loss record.

The biggest victory was over the Austin Panthers, defending district champions, 48-44.

Captain James McCluskey and Larry Machristie were chosen to be on the All-District team when the selections were made.

Leading scorers for the Irvin squad were Larry Machristie-426, James McClaskey-370, Bob Berryhill-175, Bentley Boggs-102, and Jim Gillespie-93.

The track team improved quite a bit over last years team. Nick Nichols won Irvin's first gold medal by taking first in the broad jump.

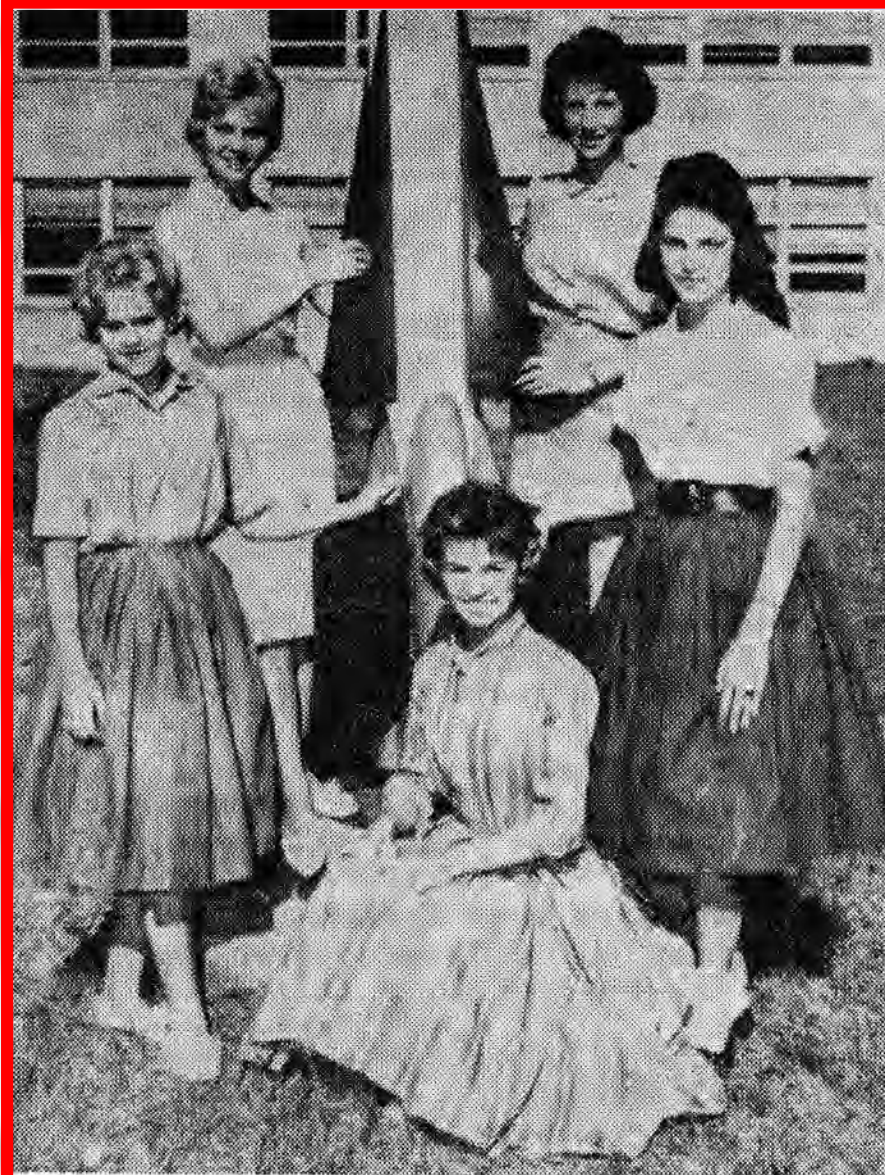
The team was sparked by Coach Ted Keple, the new head track coach.

The baseball team won 5 and lost 10 games for its second year of play. The baseball team, spirited by the student council band, beat the Austin Panthers for Irvins second victory over the Austin Cats this year.

Steve Legg, center fielder and pitcher, was chosen along with Bob Berryhill, catcher, to the All-District team.

The 1960-61 season was a real year for sports and competition and we're expecting another great on again next year.

September 15 the Rockets will travel to Cobre (N. M.) to play the first football game of the 1961-62 school year.



Recently selected to lead next year's Rockets are cheerleaders Patty Laugherty, Mary Cushing, Linda Thompson, Pam Davis, and Mary Murray.

The Senior Banquet will be held at the Arizona Inn, May 24 from eight until ten p. m.

Dress for this occasion is informal and only seniors of Irvin may attend. Price for the dinner (including tip) is \$2.20 per person.



Senior class president Dickie Beard and his officers, secretary Pam Stratton, vice-president Vic Du-chene and treasurer Nick Nichols pause for a moment in their busy schedules.

## Lettermen Chosen For Spring Sports

Lettermen for the 1960-1961 track and baseball season have been announced with Bob Berryhill and Steve Legg making all-district in baseball.

Coach Kepple, head track coach, boys have lettered in track. They announced that the following ten are: Jimmy Baker, Vernon Bolstead, Bentley Boggs, Klaus Hill, Harold Kirch, Jim Larkin, Nick Nichols, Terry Riley, Fred Saltus, and Don Worthly (mgr.)

The baseball team, coached by Coach Anderson named fourteen lettermen from the Rocket squad. Lettermen are Bob Berryhill, Steve Legg, Bob Harris, Dave Roen, Toni Ramos, Jack Smith, Joe Poteet, Steve Burrough, Francisco Arriola, Bob Jeffers, Ronnie Lee, Larry Machristie, Robert Waller, and Ricky Reed (mgr.)

Lettermen of Irvin's varsity tennis team have been announced by Coach Dalton E. Hill, tennis coach. Six girls and six boys will receive letters in tennis for the 1960-61 school year.

Those girls include Pam Jackley, Sandra Knight, Linda Knight, Dottie Hocker, Dean Whitworth, and Ann Stockton.

Boys receiving letters are John Shaw, Larry Wilkinson, Frank James, Bobby Bennett, Melvin Green, and Ray Regrutto.

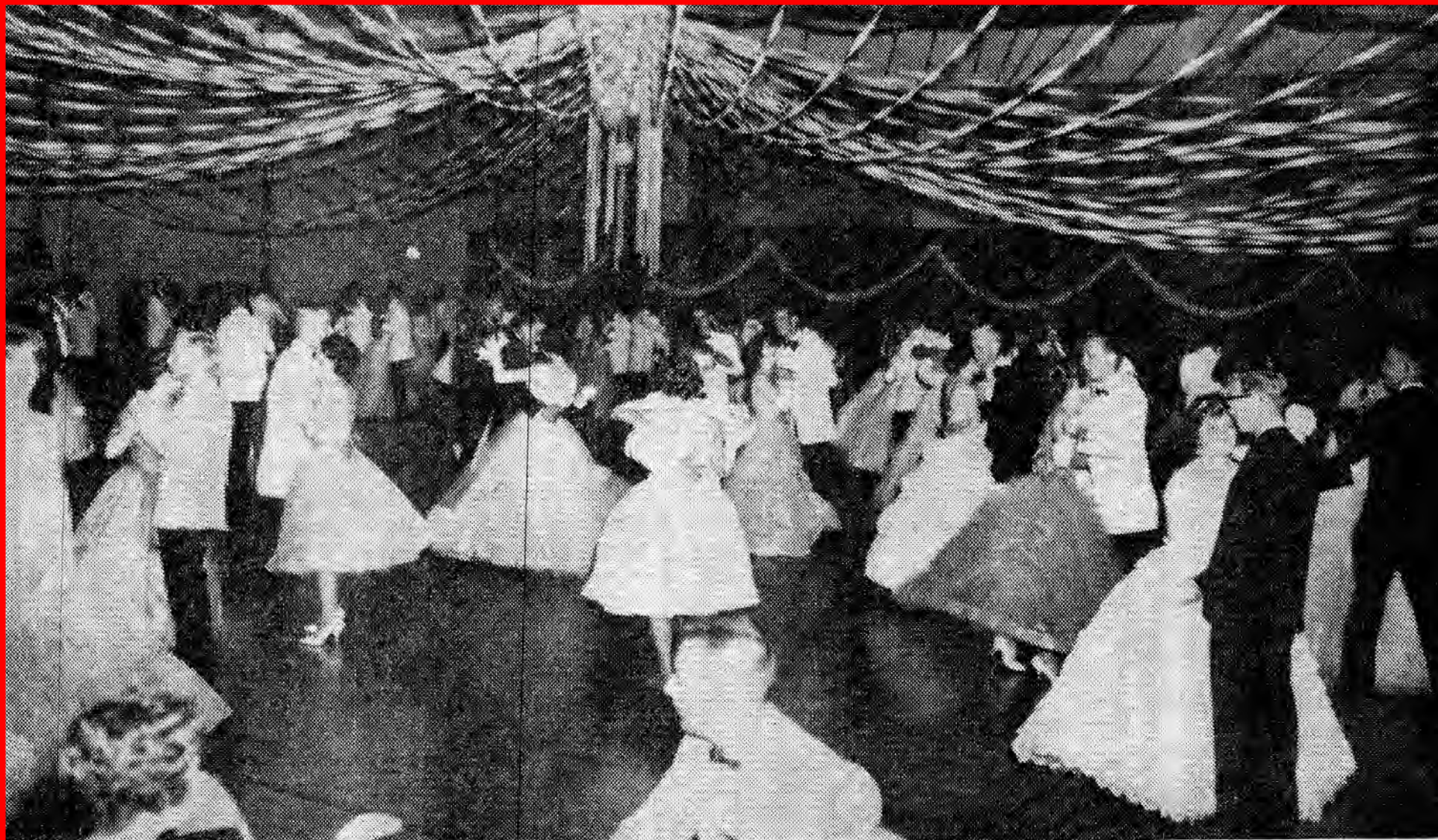


Sherry Hesla beams on a ride through Parisian streets in the Senior Follies.

# *Everyone Applauds '61 Follies*

"Weren't THEY just fabulous," "It was also like a big Broadway production," "Everybody I talked to just adored them." There were just a few of the comments heard by the Irvin student body, after the graduating class of May, 1961 had presented the traditional Senior Follies, April 28, during second period in the gym. Months of practice and hard work, on the part of the seniors and their teachers had gone into the production of the Paris-Polynesian theme.

Act I began with an overture from the musical comedy "Gigi," played by the Irvin band; Mr. Miles Culver, directing. The plot centered around two members from the "Youth Grease Corps," Saree-Mae, Kathy Cunningham; and Lem, Eddie Kee. While resting "thar weary bones" at the Café Paree, Master of Ceremonies Van Templeton introduced such acts as "Thank Heaven For Little Girls," done by the entire Follies cast, and a dance routine done by John Cram, Dickie Beard, and Vic Boozer.



In a theme of "Garden of Memories," the seniors dance to the soft music of Johnny Vara's orchestra at the Senior Prom.

# Honors Of Graduates Disclosed

Scholastic honors of graduating seniors have been announced, including valedictorian and salutatorian and the top ten per cent of the class of May, 1961.

The individual with the highest scholastic average among seniors, the valedictorian, is Ellen Mieszala. Honored as salutatorian is Dottie Hocker.

An alphabetical order, the top ten percent of graduates include Christine Allen, William Birdseye, Kathy Cunningham, Sue Diamond, Sharon Eastburn, Alta Jean Eaton, Jackie Hageman, Sue Hayes, Carol Hoffman, Steve Legg, Carol McCool, William McCool, James McClasky, Thain Marston, Karen Moore, Gregg Myers, Carole Ann Smith, Jack Smith, Donna Thomason, and Cheryl Denise Wagener.

At Irvin Ellen Mieszala lists the following activities: National Honor Society, historian; Caducean Society, vice-president; A Choir; and Tennis Club.

Dottie Hocker is a member of National Honor Society, Student Council, of which she has been student manager and assistant student manager, the varsity tennis team, and the Tennis Club. Dottie was elected by her classmates as a royalty representative to Cathedral high school and best all-around senior girl.

## Senior Play Outstanding Achievement

Humorous, heart-warming, and sad, these adjectives describe the senior play, "The Curious Savage" presented May 5 and 6 in the Irvin gym. Director for the play was Ronald Boutwell and assistant director was Sam Baker.

Carol Ann Smith convincingly portrayed an old, misunderstood widow, whose children were trying to force her in a institution so she could not spend her money.

Skillfully playing her hard-hearted daughter, Lilly Belle, was Sandra Marie Miller. Kim Espy, as her son Titus, looked as a U. S. Senator should in his dignified and tailored grey suits. With a mustache to add prestige, Elia Saenz played the role of her eldest son, Judge Samuel Savage.

Susan Phifer gave an outstanding performance as Fairy May. Fairy was a friendly, lovable soul who believed herself to be quite lovely.

So realistically did Pam Davis portray rebellious Mrs. Paddy, that one really believed her when she declared she hated everything in the world, but most of all, "cold cream, hot dogs, codfish, crawfish, catfish, sawdust, subways, skewers, buttermilk, caterpillars, frictions, fractions, pins, puns, poliemen and electricity."

James Ezell, by both his speaking manner and actions, gave a fine portrayal of the intellect Hannibal who was a great violin player.

Jeffrey, holding his hand over his face so as to save people from the shock of his imaginary scar, was played by Phil Harris. He knows he can play the piano well, but refuses to play publicly, because he feels he is not ready to face people yet.

## Irvin Wins Last Game Of Season Over Bowie

The Irvin Rockets wound up their baseball May 5, with a bang up win over Bowie, 11-6. Bowie was predicted to win but Irvin clouted the Bears, along with the fine pitching of Francisco Arriola and Larry MacChristie. Steve Legg, one of the littlest men on Irvin's squad, slapped two homers and Bob Berryhill got 3 hits for 4 times at bat. Bowie wore out three pitchers trying to keep the Rockets from hitting and their third pitcher, Sosa, was credited with the loss, while MacChristie received the win.

In the two preceding games, Irvin was edged out by Austin 2-1 in a close pitchers battle and El Paso High "snuk" away with a 5-3 comeback.

In the El Paso High game, Irvin was held for 3 hits and 3 runs when El Paso's pitcher struck out 11 men. Bob Jeffers relieved Frank Arriola in the second inning and was given the loss.

## Gill And Messier To Be Editors 1962 Observer

Phyllis Gill and Clay Messier have been chosen to edit the *Observer* for the 1961-1962 school year.

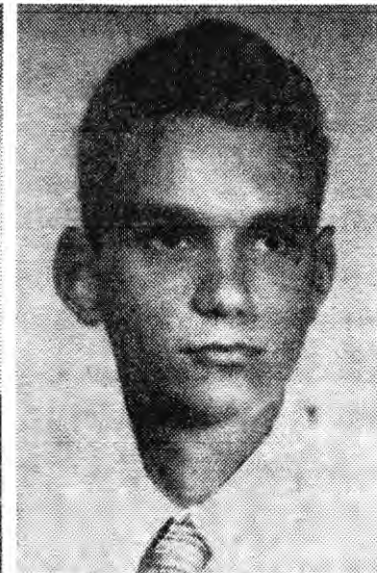
To serve as editor will be Phyllis Gill who has one year of preparation in Journalism I. Phyllis said that, "It will be a difficult task to put together an *Observer* next year that will meet the high standards established in the two preceding years, but with the help of Mrs. Glass, Clay, and the staff, I promise to make the 1961-1962 *Observer* a newspaper of which Irvin will always be proud. To make the *Observer* Irvin's newspaper, we will need your support. The student body can help us by buying each issue, contributing to the Letters to the Editor column, and offering any suggestions for improvement." Included in Phyllis's activities are president of F. T. A.

for next year, membership in NHS and Quill and Scroll and vice-presidency of modern dance club. She was selected as the outstanding journalism student.

Clay Messier will back Phyllis up as associate editor. He has two years of experience as reporter for the staff. "With the support of the student body, Irvin will continue to put out a fine student publication," was the statement Clay gave concerning next year's *Observer*. Clay is a member of the debate team.



PHYLLIS GILL



CLAY MESSIER



# Senior Conclude Very Busy Year

By SUE DIAMOND



MRS. DOROTHY DAVIS



MR. DAVID COHEN

*Class Sponsors*

With graduation only five days away, all the seniors are beginning to breathe that final sigh of relief.

It seems like only yesterday that we selected our student council representatives, Dottie Hocker, Vic Duchene, Bob Berryhill, Kathy Cunningham, Steve Legg, and Joannie Freiburg, at our first senior meeting. What confusion that was, but thanks to Mr. Cohen and Mrs. Davis our long suffering senior sponsors, we finally accomplished something.

And then the excitement and thrilled screams when we ordered and received our senior rings! Remember that infinite line outside the homemaking room? Our first money-making project, the Sadie Hawkins Dance was a tremendous success netting \$142.43. The Blue Christmans Dance carried on the traditional theme even more beautifully than last year.

That long anticipated event, our senior trip was something none of us will forget, I'm sure. All seniors enjoyed their day in the wild. None who participated in our senior follies will ever listen to "Gigi" songs from "South Pacific" without recalling Vic Duchene's hula and Sherry Hesla's can-can!

The cast of the senior play, "The Curious Savage" presented a polished and rollicking performance. Our

colors of purple and white were carried out by streamers and parachutes at the memorable senior prom.

We all became more serious as practice for baccalaureate began. At last graduation was becoming more of a reality!

After commencement the seniors will no longer be united as a class; each of us will go a different way. Some to college and some to work. We are very proud of Kathy Cunningham, Nick Nichols, Bill Birdseye, Bob Berryhill, Thain Marston, Dave Roen, for winning scholarships.

So the year that every freshman looks forward to has almost drawn to a close. This last year most of all, has been a year of fun, work and achievement and one that we will all look back on with mixed and varied emotions for the rest of our lives.

## Around Irvin . . . . .

The senior play, **The Curious Savage**, was really a scream. Anyone who didn't go sure missed a funny play. Carol Smith portrayed Mrs. Savage to a "T." Susan Phifer was the craziest character, I thought. The poor disillusioned girl thought she was the sanest of the insane. Along with Connie Hoon, Eddie Saenz, Carol Boulion, Kim Espy, Eddie Kee, James Ezell, Phil Harris, Pam Davis, and Sandra Miller the senior play was a huge success. I only hope that the rest of the senior plays are as good as the first. Congratulations class of '61!

The Student Council campaigning has been stupendous this year. There sure are a lot

of enthusiastic Irvinites willing to help Irvin progress. Student Council is a most important organization and it takes a very conscientious person to work hard for the school, which is the one aim on S. C. I was so glad to hear that we will have foreign exchange student next year. It's going to be a terrific experience for all the students here as will as for her.



The boys sure got torn up at the Senior versus the underclassmen. The guys all took a pretty bad beating but I see the sturdier, tougher team won.

Irvin should really be proud of **Pat Schmolze** who won fifth at the State Interscholastic League meet held in Austin. Pat, a first year shorthand student, made a score of 99.6 out of a possible 100—which is really an achievement. What have we here, a prodigy?

Speaking of the state track meet, Burges is to be commended, along with Ysleta for their outstanding performances in the class 1-AAAA meet. It looks like El Paso hung up fifth place as that is where Burges ended up. This was the highest place ever made by an El Paso high school. Maybe it would be a good idea for our boys to take modern dance lessons, as that is what the great Burges team did to get into shape, believe it or not! It made me feel good to hear from some of the boys who experienced this rare feat that modern dance is almost as hard and exhausting as any sport. So there, you boys that think the girls are such sissies.

**Cheerleader tryouts** along with many, many hours of practice went over with a bang. Twelve of the best girls remained in the finals and now our cheerleaders have been elected. Everyone should be very proud of these girls. They're a good group and with all the competition they had, I don't see how they could be much better. We'll all have to bear in mind that everyone can't win. There were quite a few energetic girls who didn't get into the finals, but everyone can't win and there will always be another chance, life has just started . . . so don't give up now.

The Saturday night performance of the senior follies was fabulous. The lighting was simply exquisite (and just as dramatic as it sounds). The seniors and others involved in the Follies did an outstanding job and may never be equalled. (Not until next year, anyway).

The more I think about the summer coming, the seniors graduating and lots of the kids moving in the summer, the more I hate to see school end. This has been a banner year at Irvin and one never to be forgotten by many.

Phyllis Gill as Editor of the Observer and Clay Messier, associate editor have promised us an outstanding paper for next year. With Phyllis as editor, how could you lose?!

As much as I hate to say it . . . So long, it's really been great!

# Kid's Day Observed

A spit-wad throwing contest with points for hits on Mr. Bean, Mr. Caffey, Mr. Williams, and with smaller allotments of points for the other teachers in school—a gang with several slingshots and one that was three feet long—these and other such sights greeted the teachers and lowerclassmen on May 1 and marked the invasion of Irvin by the two hundred overgrown kids who will graduate on May 25.

This was kid's day at Irvin for the spring graduating class; a nerve shattering sight to all teachers of seniors. Barefoot, in shorts or short dresses, with tennis shoes (where there were shoes), these refugees from kindergarten stalked the halls of Irvin. This and games of Ring Around the Rosie and London Bridge were the main entertainment for the lawerclassmen and the amusement for the seniors.

The overgrown infants caroused in the patio at Irvin during first period and then settled down to causing bedlam in the rest of their classes as long as they were allowed to. This is one day that these children didn't have to dream about what a beautiful childhood that they had; they could live it again.



A marble game in the patio holds the interest of a group of seniors during Kid Day activities.

