

4 Clubs Choose Nominees For King & Queen Dance



Contestants are, starting from the center of the heart, going left, C. Small, B. Laugh, B. Whitenight, R. Doyle, G. Greene, M. Grey, S. Samone, D. Carver, B. Newman, J. Post, P. McInerney, D. Wylie, and M. Howarth.

Next Saturday evening, February 3, the King and Queen of Hearts Dance will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight at the YMCA. It is sponsored by the Hi-Y and Y-Teens. Tickets are \$1.50 per couple and will be sold at the door. The dress is semi-formal and the Valiants will provide the music.

Y-Teens chose eight boys as nominees for the King of Hearts: sophomores Doug Carver and Roger Doyle; juniors Marty Howarth and Bill Laugh; and seniors Ed Mowry, Mike Gray, and Jerry Post.

Hi-Y chose the nominees for the Queen of Hearts. They include sophomores Candy Small and Barb Newman; juniors Ginny Greene and Diane Wiley; and seniors Pat McInerney, Pat Whitenight, and Sharon Simone.

The voting for the King and Queen will take place at the dance, and the winning couple will reign for the evening. A throne set against the background of a heart will be provided. Later in the evening the King and Queen will lead the Grand March.

Gary Hamrah and Cheri Johns are the Masters of Ceremonies for the dance. Brenda Villa is general chairman, and the co-chairmen from Y-Teens and Hi-Y are Joyce Foster and Tom Lavey, respectively.

Biology Classes Dissect Dogfish

Although the Dogfish or Dog Shark is a dweller of the North Atlantic, it may presently be found under somewhat different conditions in Mr. John Elder's Biology II classes.

The sharks have been shipped to WHS, not from some quaint, coastal fishing village, but from a supply house in the heart of Chicago, Illinois. Where before they were swimming in salt water, they may now be found bathed in formaldehyde, the solution that gives them their "entertaining" odor.

The Dog Shark, among the least complex of vertebrates, is presently the object of dissection for the Biology II classes who are studying this sub-phylum. Through this experiment the students gain knowledge of the mechanics of dissection (which Mr. Elder terms an art) and information concerning the internal organs of a vertebrate.

He added that the sharks are merely the beginning of the classes' projects, and cited the mud-puppy, fetal pigs, and the cat as future experiments. He also mentioned that some students wish to examine a chick embryo but this will have to be done on their own.

When asked how the students responded to the dissection, Mr. Elder replied, "Other than the smell, they love it!"

Ceramics Offer Project Variety

The Ceramics Club, headed by Mr. John Thompson is a storehouse of artistic creativity. The club, consisting of thirty members, meets during regular club periods, but the members are free to work anytime after school and during study halls.

The ceramics teacher feels that the club periods are insufficient for an activity such as ceramics and for this reason welcomes the students four nights a week.

"You do what you like to do," Mr. Thompson said. There are over three-hundred project possibilities such as miniature mice, French poodles, collies, cats, tigers, teddy-bears, candle holders, salt and pepper shakers, dishes, plates, earrings, pins, and festive holiday ceramics for all occasions.

Making his way into a little room beyond a locked door, Mr. Thompson displayed a whole new world of boxes stacked to the ceiling and filled with every type of ceramic imaginable. The collection ranged from pet shop to jungle animals and from Madonnas to sacrilegious cannibals.

Upon opening a box of particularly repulsive looking cannibals, Mr. Thompson remarked, "They look like some of these dear old Westfield juniors."

Help! In order to put on the senior class production of *The Mousetrap* a mahogany or dark wood desk, four dark overcoats, two tweed men's suits, one dark foreign man's suit, and one woman's man tailored suit are needed. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of such objects please notify Miss Margaret Dietrich in room 214.

Also needed, by the publicity committee, are approximately twenty seniors to help canvass the entire town on February 3. Flyers, describing the play and containing the necessary information concerning time, cost, and place will be handed out by the volunteers. On the same day there will possibly be a ticket booth on the corner of the Suburban Trust Bank.

Ticket sales started on Friday, January 19. Each senior is expected to sell at least three tickets. The top three salesmen will receive \$5.00, \$3.00, and \$1.00 respectively.

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Seniors Rugg, Foose State Winners In English Contest

Sindy Foose and Margie Rugg, seniors, have been selected for recognition in the English contest sponsored by the National Council of Teachers of English.

Sindy and Margie, representing Westfield High School, were first in the state of New Jersey.

Joy Schlesinger, a transfer student from Illinois, who had entered from Highland Park High School, Highland Park, Illinois, received recognition from the state of Illinois.

This contest was open to all high schools in the United States. English teachers entered their best students; the number entered for each school depending on the enrollment of the school (for every five hundred students, one contestant was selected).

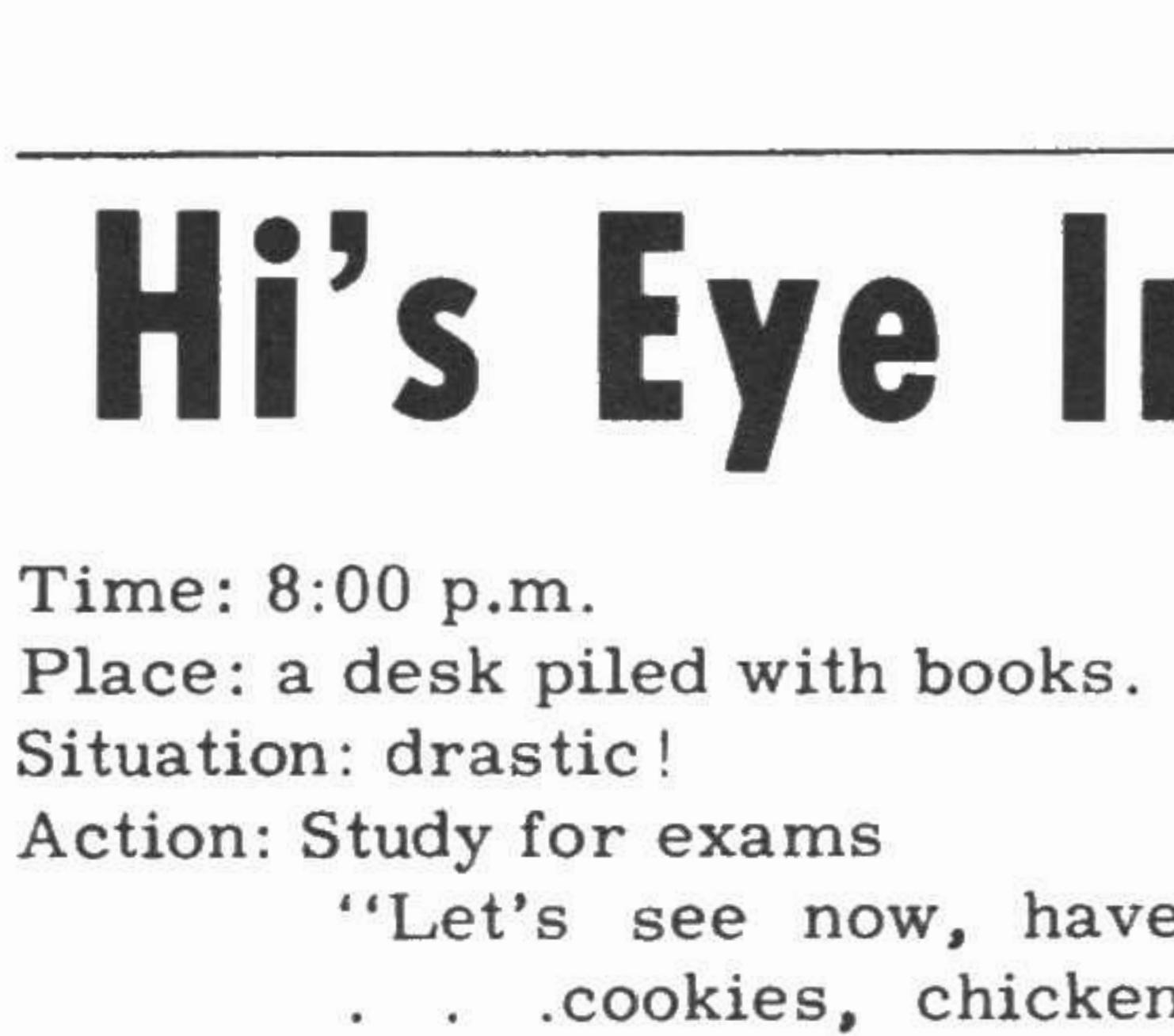
The entries were selected by Mrs. Frances Sutherland, junior English teacher; they had to submit an autobiography and an original composition, in addition to taking a standardized test in English and writing a composition in one hour on a previously unannounced topic.



"Boy, I'm sure to get 'A's' in everything this time."



"A 'D' is still passing."



"Four Seasons" Theme For Ball Tomorrow Nite

Tomorrow evening the twelfth annual Mid-Winter Ball will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight in the varsity gym. This is the only formal dance of the year which all students are allowed to attend. The Student Council, which sponsors the dance, has set the ticket prices at \$2.50 per couple.

The theme for the ball centers around the four seasons of the year represented in four different sections of the gym. Each season will have a theme of its own, and a light globe will be placed in the center of the gym, which will revolve around the room.

The Keynotes, a professional band from Summit, will furnish the music. The band, headed by Mr. X. Snyder, has twelve players and a woman soloist. The Keynotes specialize in every variety of music except rock 'n roll.

The proceeds from the dance will go into the Student Council treasury. The money will be used for such things as next year's foreign exchange student, the school store, and the Student Council paperback book store.

Gordon Diggory, vice-president of the Student Council is the general chairman of the dance.



"Anyhow, a couple of 'B's' won't hurt."



"I might pull an 'E' if I can just stay awake."

Margie Rugg, Candidate For Citizenship Award

Margie Rugg will be the WHS candidate for the state DAR Good Citizenship Award. She was selected by a vote of the senior girls as the girl showing the best qualities of responsibility, patriotism, citizenship and dependability.

As a result, she will attend the February DAR Convention in Trenton when the state "good citizen" will be chosen.

Margie is presently the president of the Senior Literary Club, and a member of NHS Leaders Club, and the yearbook staff.



"I can settle for a 'C' in French."



"Oh, well, you know what they always say - 'Flunk now and avoid the June rush!' "

Hi's Eye Investigates Study Habits

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Place: a desk piled with books.

Situation: drastic!

Action: Study for exams

"Let's see now, have I got everything? . . . cookies, chicken sandwich, apple, cake. . . oh yes!! Forgot my books! Here we are. Je vais à le . . ."

Time: 9:05 p.m.

Place: telephone

Action: finishing a one-half hour conversation on a missing French book.

Time: 10:00 p.m.

Place: waste basket

Action: looking for my history notes

Time: 11:00 p.m.

Place: my desk

Action: discovering history notes-you'll never guess! In my notebook filed under U.S. History!!!

Time: 12:00 midnight

Place: floor

Action: coffee break.

Time: 12:30 a.m.

Place: desk

Action: studying doodle drawn in English class. Gee, wish I could remember what it was!

Time: 1:05 a.m.

Place: telephone

Action: just completed a record breaking dash for the phone. Best friend located French book. No longer best friend.

Time: 2:30 a.m.

Place: desk

Action: looking at pictures (?) in Macbeth book.

Time: 4:05 a.m.

Place: bed

Action: memorizing French verbs.

Time: 7:00 a.m.

Place: Bed.

Action: Alarm clock screaming vainly with no noticeable result.

Time: 7:30 a.m.

Place: desk

Action: trying to find paper which will tell me what exams I have today, anyhow.

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Place: one foot inside exam room.

Action: crawling to desk.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Exam period

Action: sleeping soundly.

Sample Mid-Year Exam

The following are sample questions designed to help you study for mid-year exams.

I. Multiple Choice

1. Which of the following is not a Presidential power?
a. declare war; b. play golf; c. beat Jackie; d. receive graft
2. Our cafeteria system is:
a. well run; b. excellent; c. underbudgeted; d. lousy
3. Which of the following statements is a rotten lie?
a. teachers are great. b. Sharks smell lovely. c. School is fun
d. Mid-years are a farce.
4. In a particular distribution curve, the mean is to the right of the median which is to the left of the mode, even though the standard distribution is small. This means:
a. very little; b. loads; c. nothing; d. all of these

II. True and False

1. You must apologize if it is necessary to blow your nose at the table... only if you use the tablecloth.
2. When eating corn on the cob, it is correct to hold the ear of corn in one hand and pick off kernels with the other.
3. Mid-year exams are vital for evaluating comprehension, retention, and the number of failing notices to go out.

Hi's Eyetems

by Anna Lee Gruber

It Happened

Coach Walt Clarkson of the swimming team is full of nostalgic memories these days. It seems that at the Columbia swimming meet, Mr. Clarkson entered Bruce Overbay in one of the events. After an embarrassing explanation to Columbia's coach he finally convinced him that Bruce Overbay graduated in 1961, and currently attends Delaware University.

Dick Dunn, Senior, has a sure-fire method of avoiding speeding tickets. Dick has built a device into his car which will produce a loud buzz as far away as 2,000 feet from a radar unit.

Scholarships

The Westfield PTA is awarding a grant of four-hundred dollars per year to a capable student who is interested in teaching.

College Woman's Club will award a grant of two-thousand eight-hundred dollars, and freshman grants.

The Junior GI Bill, which pertains to children of veterans who died in or as a result of the armed forces, will award one-hundred and ten dollars per month to people between the ages of eighteen and twenty-three. This money can be used to further an education in business, vocational, or another type of schooling.

If you are interested in any of these scholarships inquire in the Guidance office.

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Vanity Fair, The Ugly American, The Old Man and the Sea, and Our Town, chosen as favorites by the WHS faculty, are presently being displayed in the library on the "Faculty Favorites" bulletin board. The displays, which include both fiction and non-fiction books, are changed periodically so students and teachers may get new ideas for interesting reading material.

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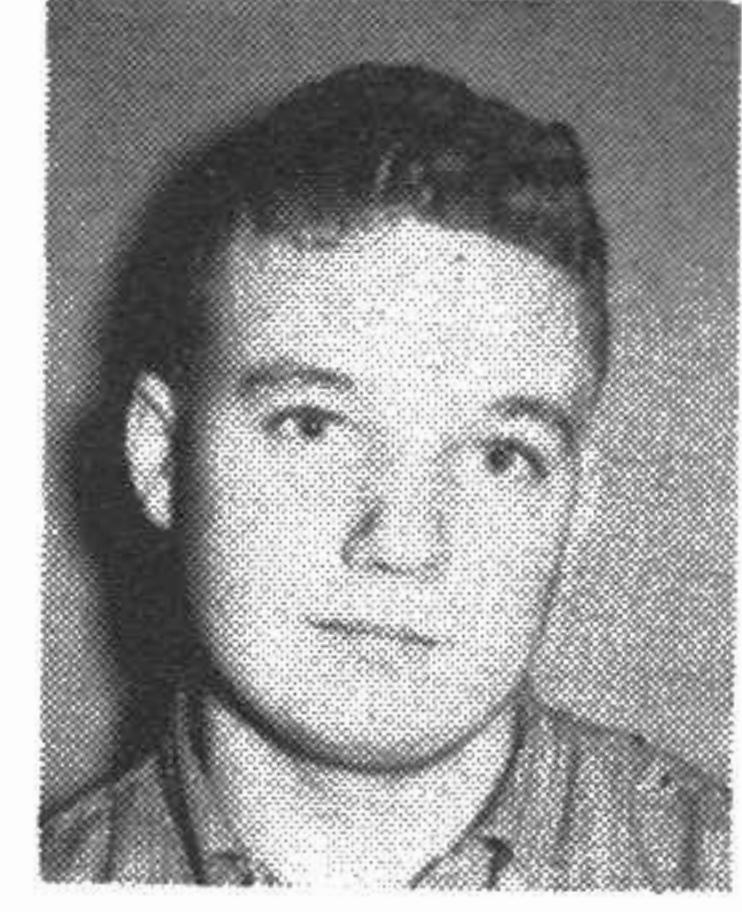
Pix 'N' Quotes

Question: What kind of assembly programs would you like to see?

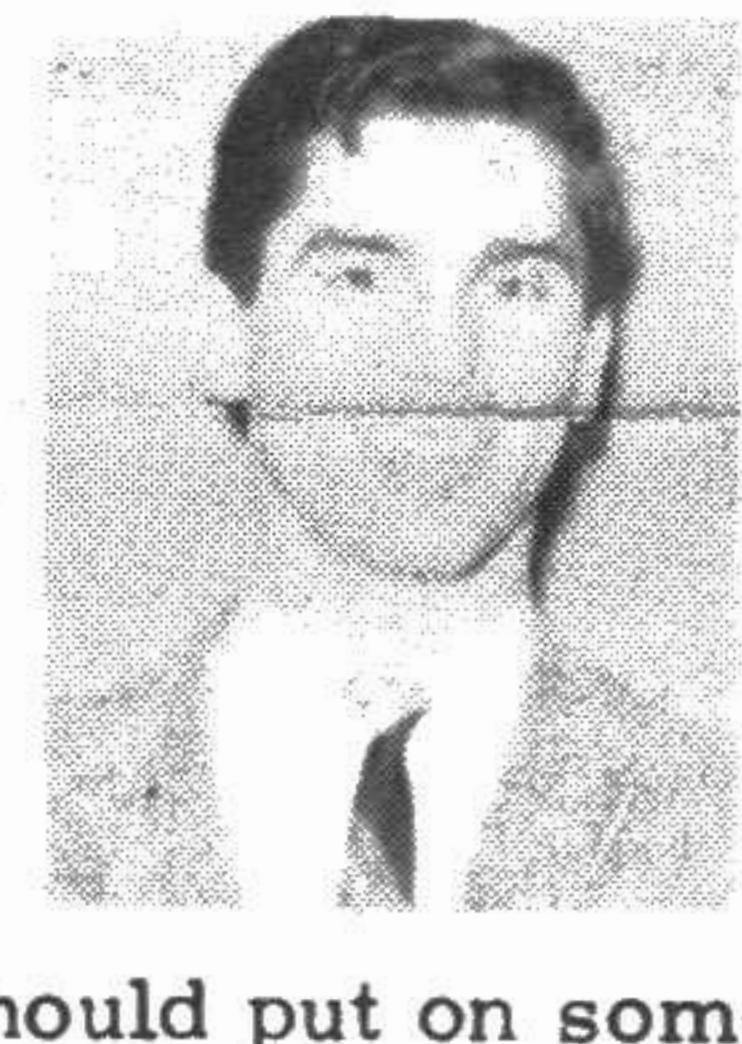
Joy Brown, sophomore... I think we should have more assemblies where the audience can participate, similar to the one we had on memory.



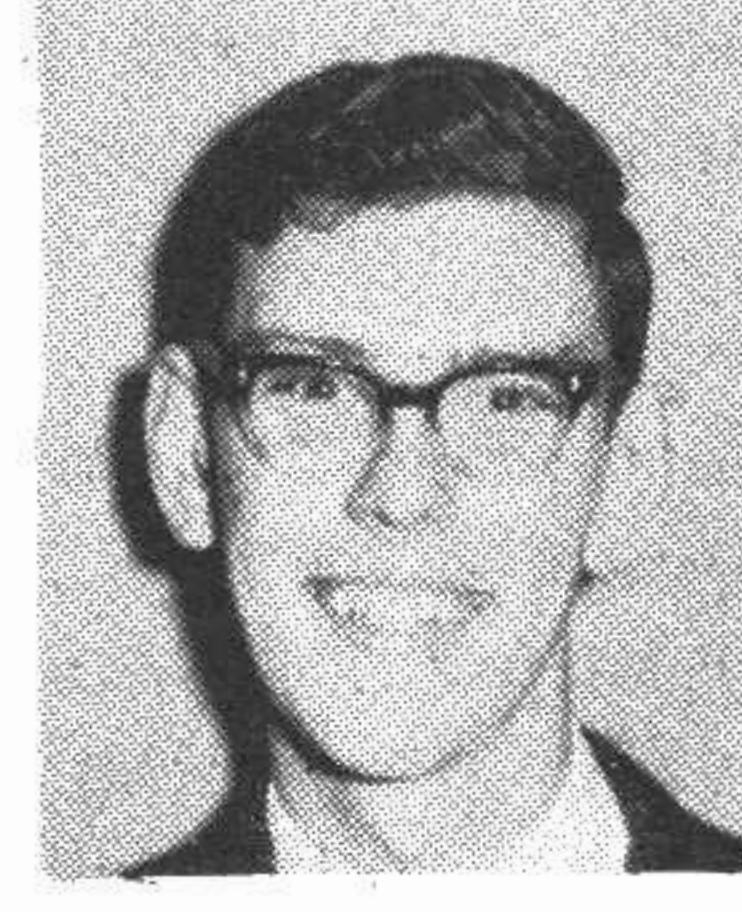
Chappy Colucci, junior... I would like to see more physical demonstrations like the judo act that was presented last year.



Dave Mount, senior... I would enjoy seeing more musical entertainment, such as the Bluejays last year. The band and the vocal groups should put on some other programs just for the student body besides those they now do.



John Schneider, junior... I would like to see more student appreciation of what we now have. Some of the larger clubs could put on some programs. The traditional assemblies which are held for the sake of tradition only should be cut out.



Berni Hamilton, senior... I would enjoy seeing more student participation, such as, skits, plays, and talent shows. I would also like to hear Barbara Wolff and Sharon Savage speak in the assembly when they return home.



Dictation Anyone?

Possibly you may have passed by room 112 and seen girls taking dictation, or typing stencils, or possibly mimeographing History II tests? Maybe you are wondering how the WHS Business Department is run; who the teachers are, what courses are offered, and why all our business girls seem to be dressed up on Wednesday. The following article will help acquaint you with the WHS Business Department and its many varied functions.

Office Practice, a course given to accustom students to actual office procedure and technique, is available to seniors with typing experience. The girls are assigned to one or two teachers, and they work for them as their personal secretaries. The girls work voluntarily five days a week during free periods.



From left to right: Nancy Heinkel, Cheryl Sutley, Sharon Simson.

Office Practice consists of two hours daily. One hour is devoted to classroom study of the theory of Office Practice and the other one is spent doing voluntary work for the assigned teacher. Some of the duties which the girls perform are typing tests for the teacher, taking dictation for them, mimeographing and any other services in the clerical field.

Office Practice not only offers a service to the teachers of WHS, but provides the student with very valuable experience. Dress-Up Day, which is every Wednesday in the Business Department, helps to accustom the girls with proper dress habits for the office. The girls are required to wear hose and heels and are graded on their appearance.

National Tests are given pertaining to the proficiency in typing and Steno. Here in WHS we have received outstanding results especially in Steno I. National Gregg Dictation Tests were given after one year of Steno. Most of the girls received "80 word per minute for five minutes" certificates from the company. Several girls received the 100 word per minute certificate with 5% or less errors.

Personal Typing, a one semester course offered twice a year, if offered as a service to the school, especially to the college preparatory students. Besides learning the basic fundamentals of typing, the students learn how to type outlines, manuscripts with and without footnotes, letters, applications, and many other things.

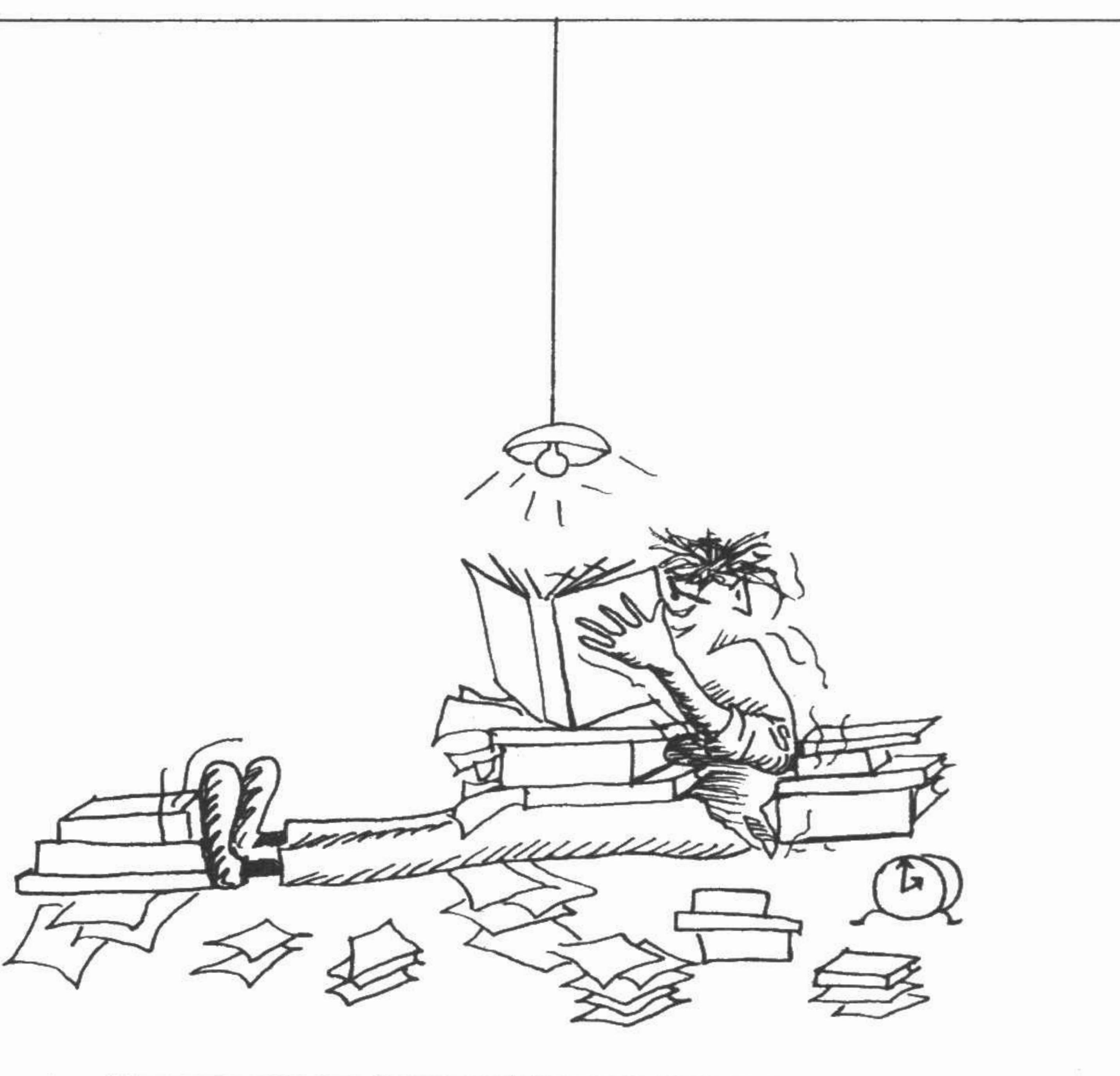
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Hours spent studying may pay off in dollars and cents for you. Set one of the requirements as your goal now so that you will be eligible to receive the discount when it is available in New Jersey. Remember, seniors, this plan applies also to colleges and universities if you can maintain equivalent standards. And those of you who are not yet driving, plan ahead! Good grades may prove a worthwhile investment in the future, in terms of money, as well as higher education and employment.

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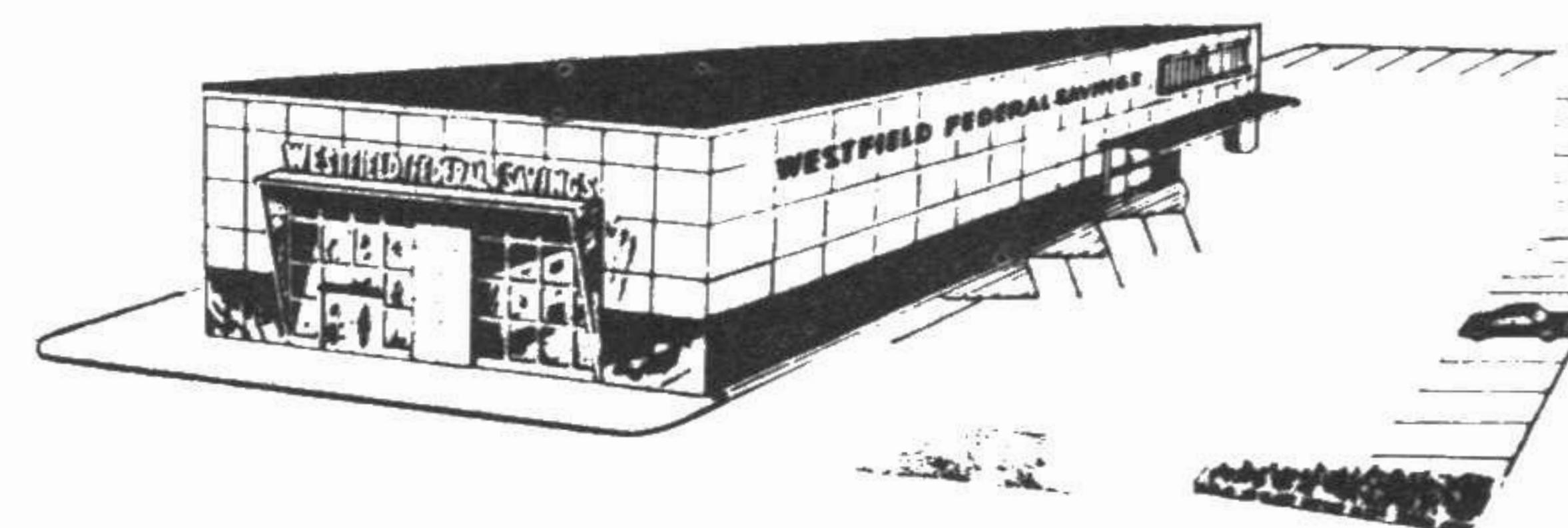
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Pingry Snaps Swimmers' String At 59; Trenton Team Drowned

After having a streak of 59 consecutive victories broken by Pingry, Westfield's mermen defeated Trenton 66-29 last Friday.

Winning eight of the eleven events, the Blue Devils boosted their record to 3-1. Sophomore Ted Connell clipped almost 13 seconds off the school record with a 4:34.6 clocking the 400-yard freestyle.

Freestyler, Fred Warfield and Connell were the only double winners. Kurt Kaufmann won the 100-yard backstroke with a record-tying 1:03.3.

Records Set

Westfield's mermen had scored their 59th successive victory just eighteen days before with a 65-29 rout of Seton Hall. The Blue Devils captured eight of the eleven events, setting two records.

Bill Haney, WHS junior, sliced two seconds off Ted Connell's week-old 400-yard freestyle mark with a time of 4:47.3. Kurt Kaufmann, another junior, shattered Frank Dolman's backstroke standard with a 1:03.3 clocking.

Greg Weiss won his specialty, the breaststroke, and the Westfield team won both of the relays.

Blue Devils Bow

The end of the longest streak in any schoolboy sport in the state came when Pingry defeated Westfield 55-40 four days later. Westfield's swimming team had not been defeated since the 1957 opener.

Dick Myers All-County Catcher Holder of Cage Scoring Mark

This is the fourth in a series of articles on senior WHS athletes.

Living proof that the little man still has a place in sports is basketball captain and baseball co-captain Dick Myers. An all-county catcher on the diamond, he holds the school record of 38 points in a basketball game.

Although he scored 38 points against Roselle Park, "Dickie" considers his 33-point performance against Cranford his best. Asked how he expects Westfield to fare against Clark tonight, the 5-10 play-maker replied, "We should beat them if we all play our game."

Regular catcher since his sophomore year, "Dickie" earned his all-county status with a solid .324 average and exceptional skill behind the plate. Although he doesn't collect too many extra base hits, his frequent singles are a thorn in the side of opposing pitchers.

Outside of sports, Dick is a member of the Student Council and the Varsity Club. He has applied to Wake Forest, Virginia, Rutgers, and Connecticut and hopes to continue playing baseball and basketball while preparing to enter business.

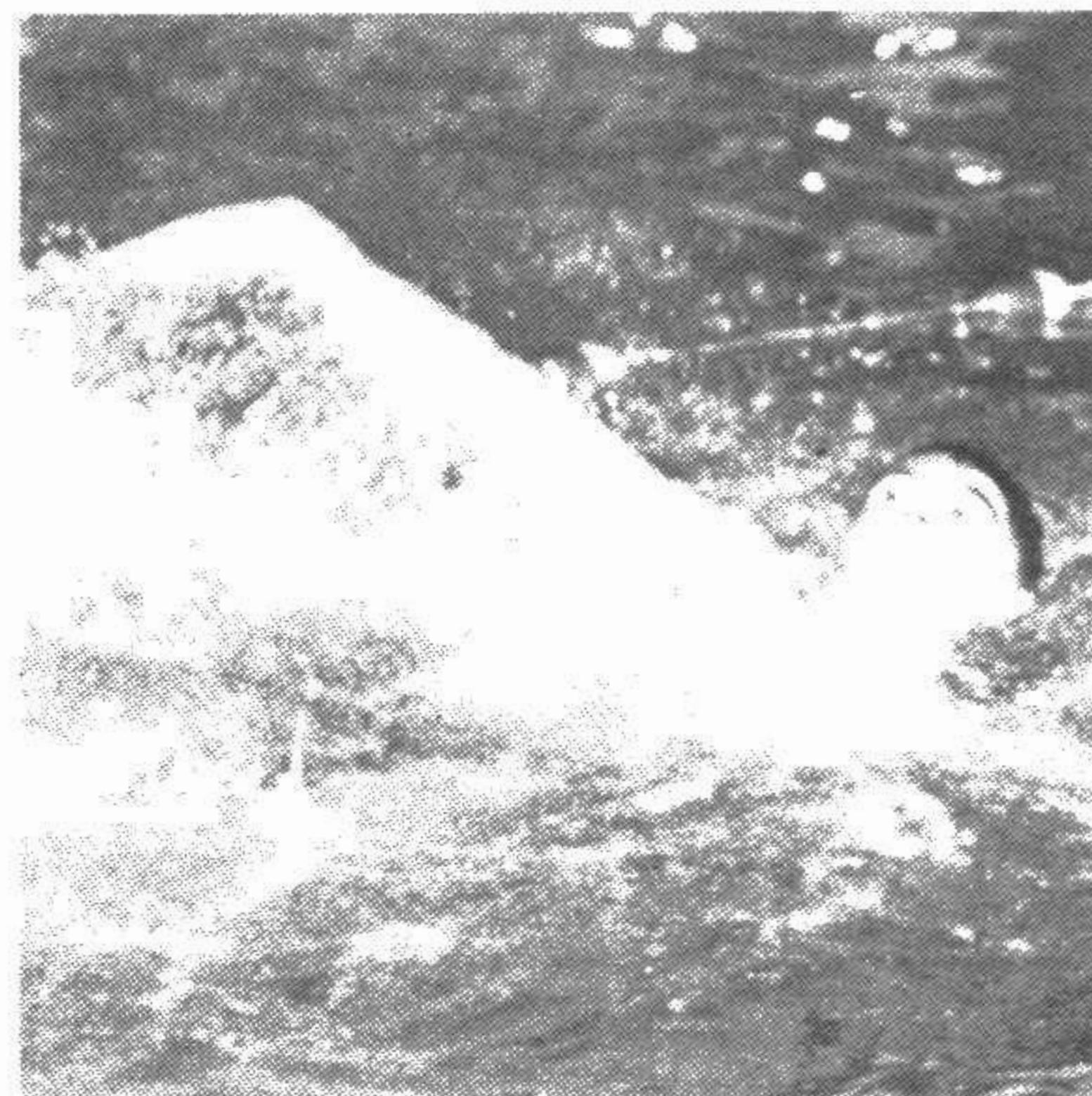


Photo by Bob Worthing
Kurt Kaufmann is on his way to a victory in the 100-yard backstroke against Pingry.

Clark Roundball Opponent For Blue Devils Tonight

The Johnson Regional Crusaders come to Westfield tonight to engage the Blue Devil courtmen. The varsity game will match an undefeated Westfield team against a Clark five which has yet to win in games.

Clark had its nearest brush with victory in a 53-47 loss to Rahway. The Watchung Conference cellar dwellers have a 0- slate in loop play.

6-2 Bill Prish is their strong man under the boards. Harry Witscher, who was out of action for a month, diminutive Ron Staeger and Joe Chinchar are the other Crusader offensive threats.

Although Westfield is a heavy favorite, a 6-day break for mid-year exams could hurt the Blue Devils.

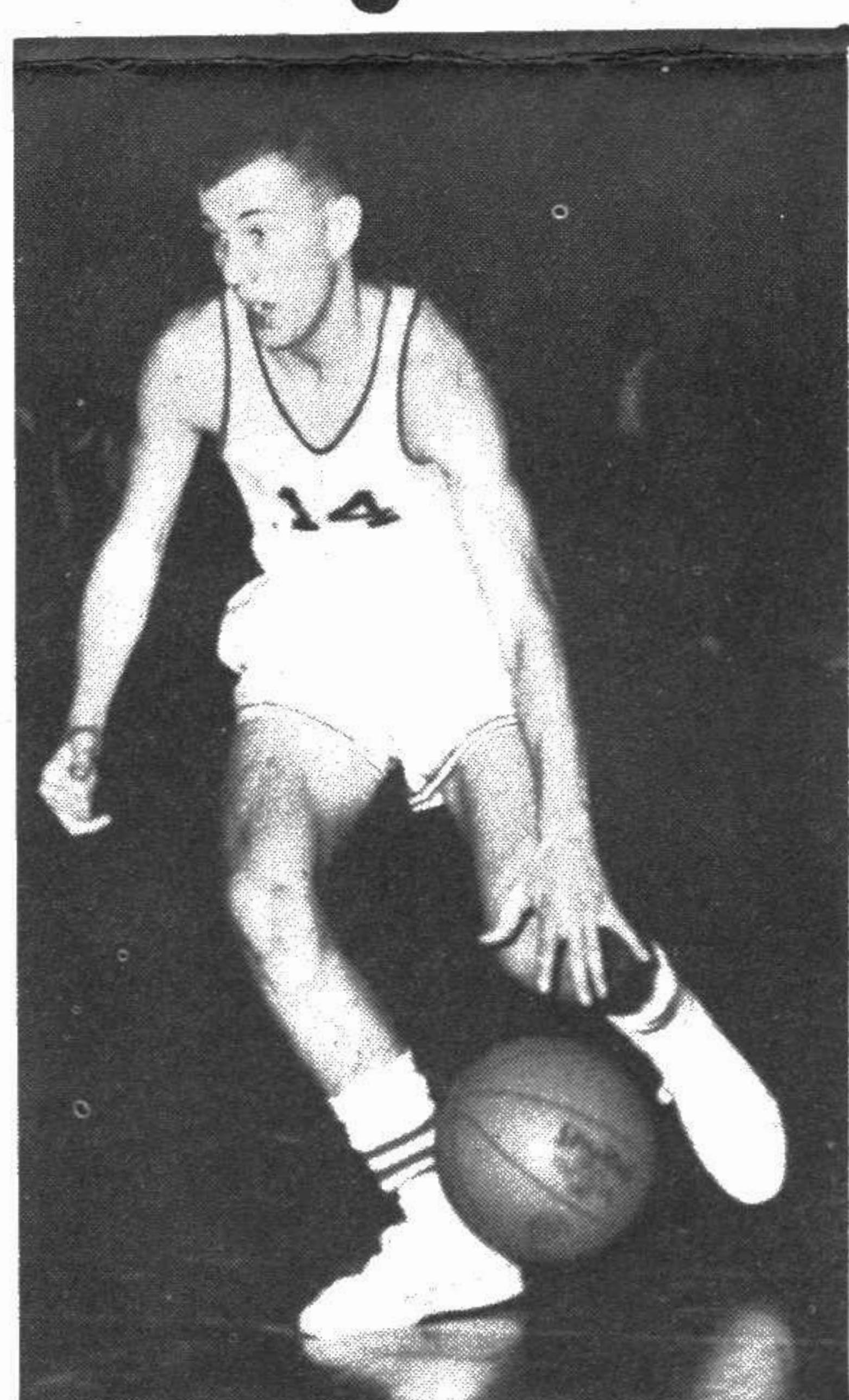


Photo by Barbara Carmody
Dick Myers dribbling in the Cranford game.

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Wrestlers 5-2 After Split

Victories over Scotch Plains and losses to powerful Plainfield and North Plainfield squads gave Coach Gary Kehler's wrestlers a 5-2 slate.

Jim Powers, Rich Stiefken, Earl Vigne, and Dave Morash pinned their opponents and Den Minno, Ken Cornell, Ken Powers, and Bob Adelaar decisioned foes in the 36-12 win over Roselle Park. Vigne's pin in 34 seconds is a season record.

Against Scotch Plains, the matmen were beaten in only three matches. Jim Powers, Den Minno, Ken Cornell, Steve Petruccione, Bob Graf, Dave Morash, and Bruce Sargent won their matches by decisions for Westfield.

In the Plainfield meet, Westfield men were tied twice, decisioned twice, and pinned three times, giving a total of 25 points to their opponents. The Kehlermen, fighting hard against a tough team, scratched up 21 points.

Heavyweight Bruce Sargent gave Westfield its only pin, but to no avail since they had already lost the meet. Sargent had scored four points by two reversals before he won by the pin. Cornell, Petruccione, Bill Hedden, Earl Vigne, and Morash won their matches by decisions.

Holding a strong lead up to the last few minutes, the matmen saw a determined North Plainfield team come from behind to beat them 22-21.

Devils Assume League Lead

Westfield edged closer to the Watchung Conference cage crown with victories over Rahway and Scotch Plains. The wins left the Blue Devils 8-9 in loop competition. Only Cranford and Hillside should pose a threat in their six remaining games.

Losses on successive nights to Cranford and Westfield virtually eliminated Scotch Plains. Only a severe slump by both Westfield and Cranford would enable the Raiders to win. The Cougars, now 8-1 in loop play, entertain Westfield February 2.

STANDINGS		
	W-L	Pct.
Westfield	8-0	1.000
Cranford	8-1	.889
Scotch Plains	5-3	.625
Hillside	5-4	.556
Roselle	4-6	.400
Rahway	2-6	.250
Roselle Park	2-6	.250
Clark	0-8	.000

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Scotch Plains Fourteenth Victim Of Undefeated Blue Devil Five

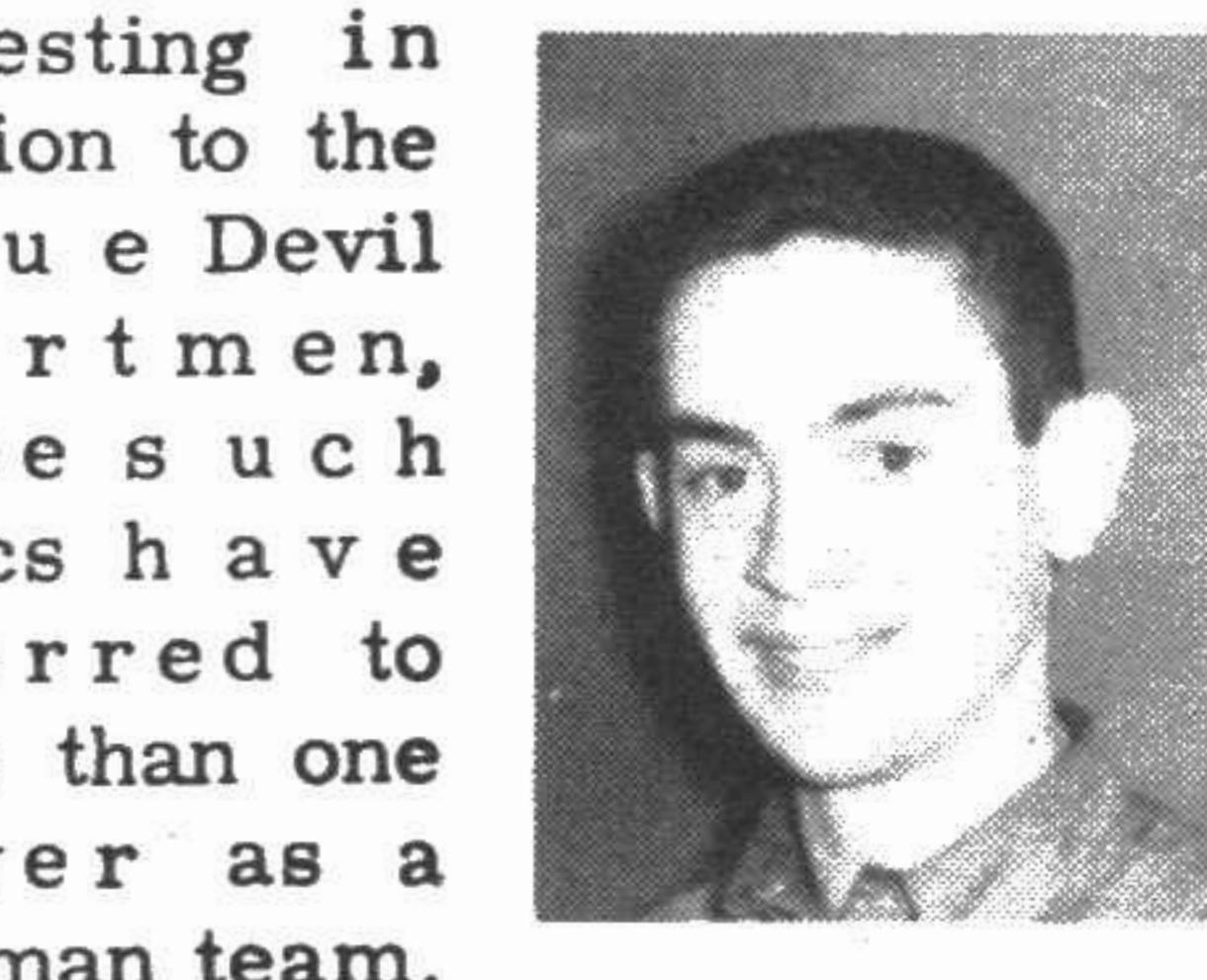
Victories over Roselle, Cranford, North Plainfield, Rahway, and Scotch Plains permitted the Blue Devils to remain Union County's lone undefeated quintet. They now have a 14-0 slate.

Scotch Plains fought Coach John Lay's five to a 30-30 half-time deadlock, before falling to a second half Westfield onslaught and losing 66-51. Bob King scored half of the Blue Devil points in the first two periods and wound up with 25.

Dick Myers canned two baskets and King one as Westfield took a 38-32 lead, never to be headed. Myers tallied 14 of his 18 points in the second half. Bill Lott netted 16 and Steve Baksa 12 for the Raiders.

Myers and King combined to score the first nine points of a 72-46 triumph over Rahway. King led all scorers with 26 markers and George Rushforth and Myers tallied 12 apiece. Craig Fisher had 20 for Rahway.

	G	P	Ave.
King	14	316	22.6
Myers	14	231	16.5
Post	14	133	9.5
Whitaker	13	67	5.2
Carver	14	64	4.6
Russo	13	49	3.8
Rushforth	13	24	1.8
Lewis	12	18	1.5
Varnum	11	13	1.2
Stanton	11	3	0.3
Liscom	5	2	0.4
Bannon	10	2	0.2



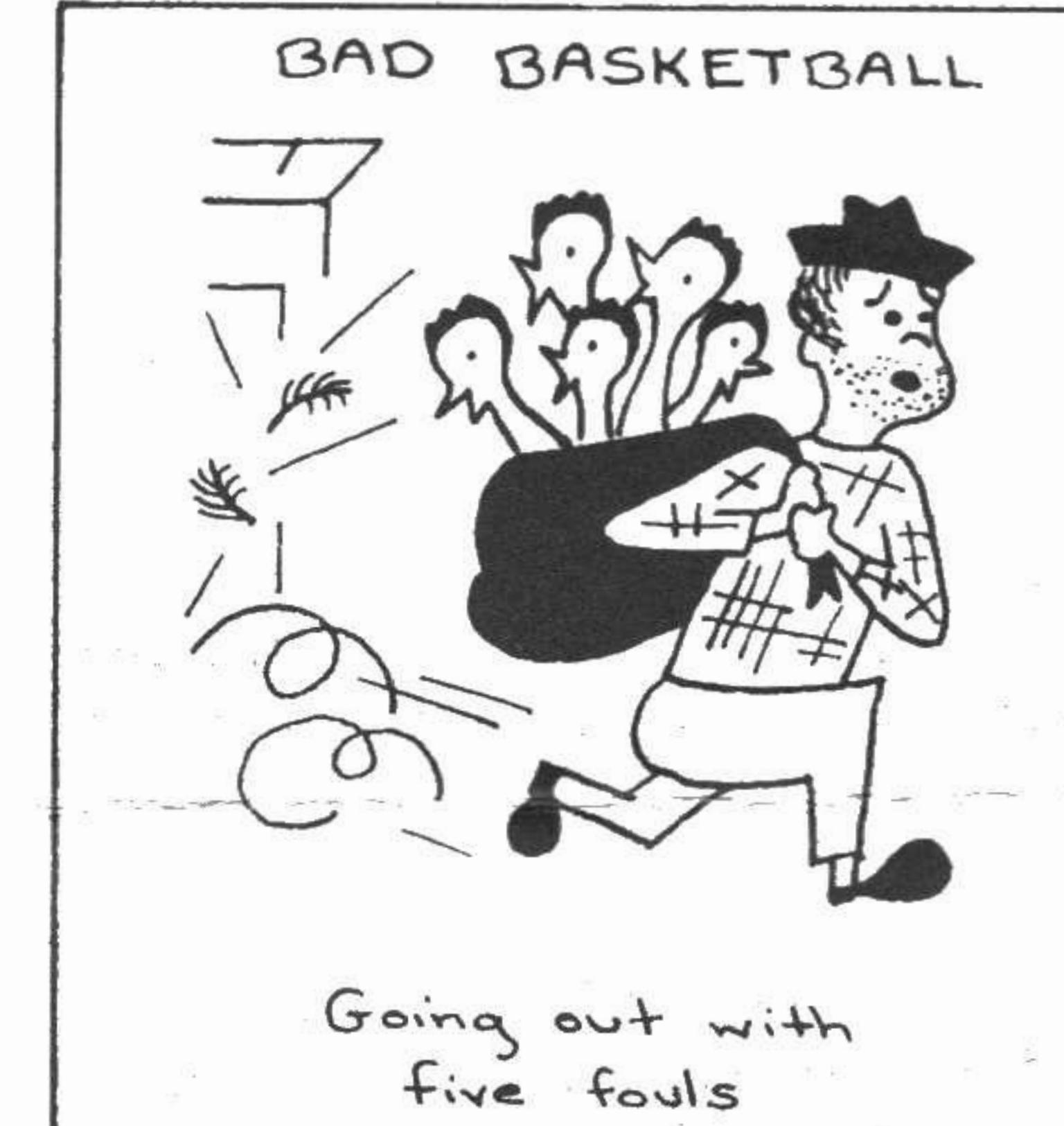
by Harold Shill

Some people attempt to belittle a good team by labeling it "lucky" or a "one-man team." This is interesting in relation to the Blue Devil courtmen, since such critics have referred to more than one player as a one-man team.

An ardent Roselle fan called Westfield "the worst team in the county without King!" Big Bob's 36-point output had just shattered Norm Brandl's Roselle court record of 32.

A Roselle Park manager referred to Dick Myers as "the only decent player Westfield has." The Blue Devil captain had pumped in 38 points. Two weeks later, he had to eat his words because Westfield won by a similar margin although Myers netted only 10.

King appears to have an excellent chance of surpassing Bob Haines' WHS season scoring record of 404 points, set in 1958-9. Myers should also have a shot at that mark if the Blue Devils are successful in tournament play.



North Plainfield fell behind 13-0 after 3 1/2 minutes and 24-6 at the end of the first period and never threatened seriously. King led the Laymen to their 70-43 win with 21, while Myers chipped in with 12 and Whitaker with 10. Bob Mattson had 15 for Canucks.

The 79-67 decision over Cranford was in doubt until the final two minutes, when Westfield scored 9 consecutive points. Myers exploded for 33 points and had good support from King, Post, and Whitaker, who tallied 17, 14, and 12, respectively. John Litwinetz netted 18 and Ed Sluzis 17 for Cranford.

King racked up 36 points in the 62-46 triumph over Roselle. Whitaker dumped in 10, while Frank Kylish totaled 16 for the Rams.

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Personality Sketch

Senior Marilyn Manthey Plans Career As Legal Secretary

Marilyn Manthey '62, an outstanding business student, is planning to become a legal secretary.

Besides studying typing and steno, Marilyn also learns how to operate business machines such as the duplicator, dictaphone, and the mimeograph machine.

Students gain practical experience through the student secretary program. "Each girl is assigned to a teacher as his secretary," Marilyn explained. "I'm Mr. Barnes' secretary. I type and mimeograph papers for him."

"My speed is 60 words per minute in typing and 90 words per minute in steno, but I hope to get faster this year," Marilyn commented.

"Wednesday is dress up day." On Wednesdays the girls dress as if they were going to work at an office.

Sewing is another of Marilyn's interests. She makes many of her own clothes.

A girl playing pool? Why not? "It's fun, but I'm no expert!" Marilyn commented.

When asked what her favorite food was, she stated, "Pizza pie! I love Tito's too."

As to her future, Marilyn plans to apply to Katharine Gibbs in Montclair for the one-year secretarial course.

Ghana Students Request United States' Pen-pals

Mr. George Coyne, Peace Corps member in Ghana and formerly a teacher at Johnson Regional, has sent a letter to the Student Council containing the names of many of his new pupils who wish to exchange letters with United States students.

He wrote, "The students here are, in many ways, duplicates of my classes last year. . . They are lively, full of tricks, love Western movies, jazz, and rock-n-roll." Mr. Coyne is a staff member of a newly established boarding school of 146 boys and 7 girls.

"I'm sure the mail bags in both countries would soon be filled with some interesting stories pointing up the mutual problems and aspirations of young people in two different continents," he concluded.

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Girl Scout Committee Chooses Penny Rounds For European Trip

Penny Rounds, WHS senior, has been selected with twelve other girls in the U.S. to spend approximately six weeks in Europe, all expenses paid, at the International Gatherings Abroad Program.

Chosen by the Girl Scouts of America Region II Selection Committee, which covers New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, Penny received a congratulatory letter which stated in part, "We share with your council a deep feeling of pride in your outstanding record. We hope that this experience will prove a valuable one to you, your council, and the National Organization."

Penny is treasurer of her scout troop, and president of the Girl Scout Emergency Squad. Under the Girl Scout Plan she spent last summer in Europe with other members of her troop. Aside from Scouts, her activities include Y-Teens, of which she is treasurer, and Junior Auxiliary of the Children's Country Home.



Marilyn Manthey at her typewriter

WHS Students Compete In Legion Hall Oratorical Contest

The twenty-fifth annual Oratorical Contest will be held February 2, at 8 p.m. in the Westfield American Legion Hall. A maximum of four students from a four year high school are permitted to attend. The students in WHS who will compete in the high school preliminary contest are Kathy Quad, Fred Onksen, Bob Willard, and Joan MacKinnon. This contest will take place in Cafeteria B, Monday, January 27.

The subject to be used for the prepared oration which must be the original effort of the contestant, "must be on some phase of the Constitution of the United States, which will give emphasis to the attendant duties and obligations of a citizen to our government." The speaker is given ten to twelve minutes for delivery.

Following the prepared topics each student must give a four to six minute speech on a topic concerning some part of the Constitution.

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Mr. Della Badia Leads Chorus, Sings In Barber Shop Quartet

WHS now has a living, breathing member of the SPEBSQSA, Inc. in its midst. For anyone who doesn't understand this, it stands for the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Incorporated, and our member is Mr. Joseph Della Badia.

Mr. Della Badia, who teaches Modern World History and Occupations, belongs to the Middletown, New Jersey, chapter of the organization. In addition to directing a chorus, he sings bass in a barber shop quartet called The Beachcombers.

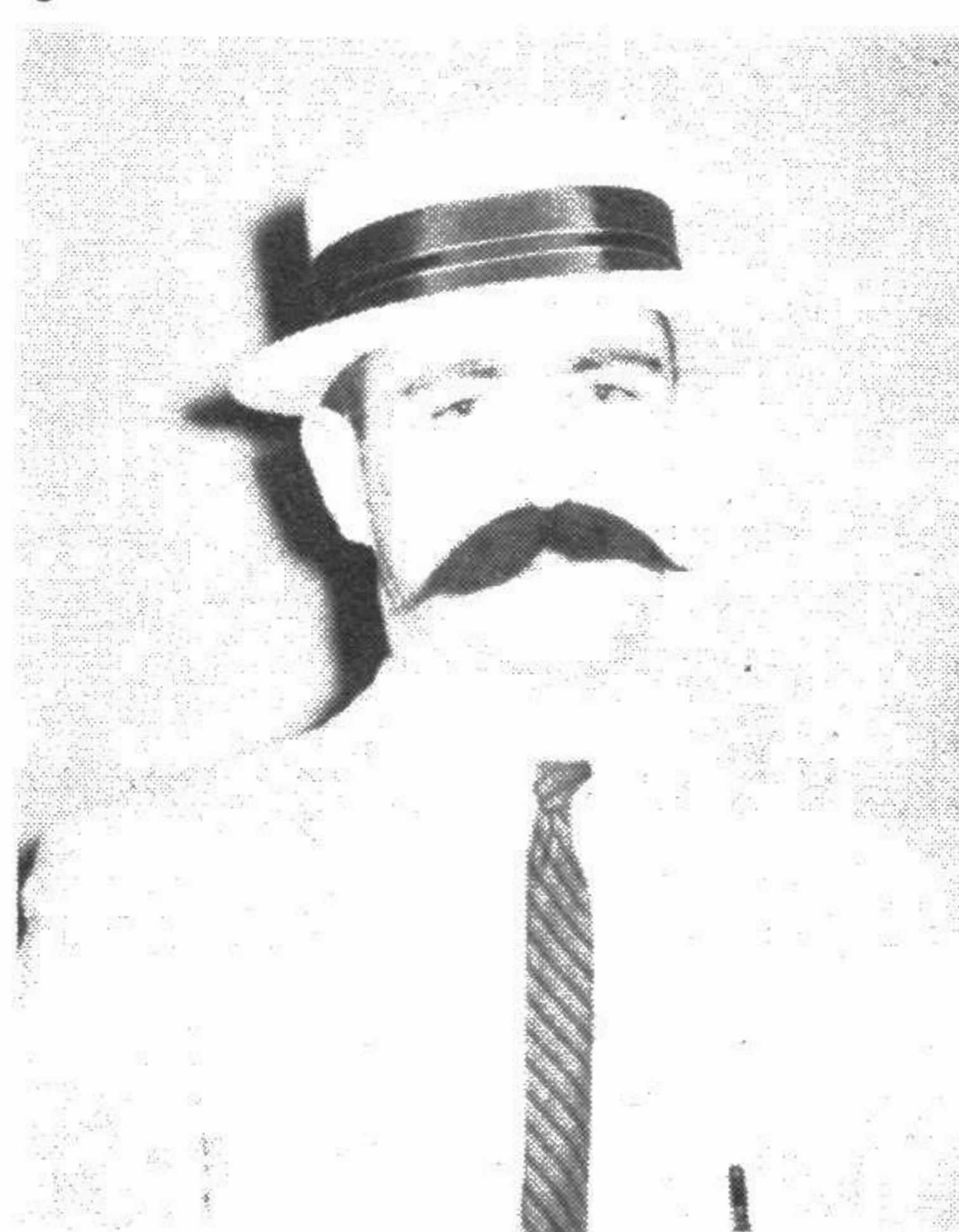


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Silent movies? No Mr. Joseph Della Badia just joined The Beachcombers.

Mid-Years Are The .. Greatest?

So I'm different. I like exams. Just think how many advantages they have. They stimulate curiosity. They promote intellectual inquisitiveness and research. Why mid-years are great! They keep things fresh in your mind. Review is good for you. Just think how much you might forget otherwise.

Mid-years give you an opportunity to display the fruits of your efforts during the semester. They help determine your class standing. They provide something to do with what would otherwise be spare time. They give you something to think about. Of course midyears are great! Why they even. . . well, yes, I am a teacher, but what does that have to do with it?

A member of The Beachcombers for three months, Mr. Della Badia has belonged to the SPEBSQSA for about two years. This is an international organization, founded in 1938 by twenty-six men; it now has 30,000 members in the United States and Canada.

Beachcombers Enter Competitions

Mr. Della Badia's quartet sings at various civic and local functions, charity benefits, and fund-raising affairs. The Beachcombers, dressed in their straw hats and handle-bar mustaches, also sing at regular barber shop shows and competitions.

One of these competitions is an annual national contest. In March there is also a contest to qualify for the international barber shop competition held in Kansas City in June.

Barber Shop Harmony

Mr. Della Badia feels that barber shop harmony is "one of the uniquely American types of music—the other two are folk singing and spirituals." Barber shop singing dates back to the 1890's when the local barber shop was the gathering place for the town's men.

"Keep America Singing" is both the motto and the theme song of the SPEBSQSA. The barbershoppers sing together because they enjoy four-part harmony and the old songs.

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