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## The Countdown is Over -- 0 More Days 'til AEA



Act I—"By the Skin of Our Teeth. Left to right: Katrina May, Richard Burke, Joel Palmer, Marc Nomberg, Judy Bryan, Bill Elliot, Shea Gellerstedt, Pam Hearn. See page 6 for Speech Department feature.

### E.H.S. Student Plays at D.H.S.

On Thursday, February 13, Dothan High School played host to Mr. Patrick Mullins in a piano concert. Pat, the 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Mullins of Enterprise, Alabama, is a senior and president of the National Honor Society at Enterprise High School.

As a beginning piano student at the age of three, Pat studied for four years with Nell Hagood of Enterprise and for four years with Dr. Roy McAllister at the University of Alabama. Presently, he is studying with Jeanine Davis, an assistant at the Joilliard School of Music in New York. Pat flies to New York for lessons on weekends.

His selections included: Prelude, Fugue in B Minor, Bach; Sonata in C Major, Opus Two, Number Three, Beethoven; Tocatta in M Major, Robert Schumann; Nocturne in C Minor, Chopin; Concord Sonata, the Third and Fourth Movements, the Alcotts and Thoreau; and onata Number 3 in A Minor, Prokofiev.

Pat has won the Alabama State Music Teachers Association Contest and the 10 State Regional Contest in New Orleans. On March 10, 1969, he will be competing in the national contest in Cincinnati, Ohio.

### Student Teachers Enroll at D.H.S.

Last January 9, Dothan High School enrolled seven new student teachers.

Miss Carol Baker from Ashford, Alabama is student teaching under Miss Helms. Miss Baker majored in business education and minored in counseling psychology. At Troy State she is a member of Phi Beta Lambda business fraternity.

Mr. Billy Gene Davis is majoring in social science and minoring in English. Mr. Davis is a member of Kappa Delta Pi at Troy State. He will enter graduate school at Auburn University in

### National Merit Finalists Announced

Four Dothan High School students have been awarded one of the highest scholastic honors given. Mabel Martin, Judy Sullivan, Carol Jones, and Tommy Daniel have advanced to Finalist standing in the 1968-69 Merit Program. They share this honor with only one-half of one percent of the graduating secondary school seniors in the nation.

Fifteen thousand finalists have been selected. However, approximately two thousand, eight hundred are Merit Scholarship winners. The winners' names will be announced publicly by April 30.

March majoring in History. Although he is now student teaching under Miss Fraley, he hopes to teach on the college level in the near future.

Miss Brenda Hale from Ozark, Alabama is student teaching under Mrs. Wells. Miss Hale's major is business education and her minor is social science. She is a member of Phi Mu Social Sorority and Phi Beta Lambda business fraternity at Troy State. After graduation, Miss Hale plans to teach in Huntsville, Alabama.

Miss Betsy Johnson from Ozark, Alabama is working with Mrs. Buettner's English classes. Miss Johnson, an English major at Troy State, plans to attend graduate school next year.

Miss Kathryn Newton from Ozark, Alabama is an English and secondary education major, and a social science minor. She is a member of the Playmakers at Troy State and has appeared in *Becket and Bits and Pieces*. Miss Newton is now student teaching under Mrs. Bohlert but hopes to teach in Panama City, Florida next year on high school level.

Mrs. Glenna Byrd Poitevint, from Dothan, is a graduate of Dothan High School.

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### "Communism" - Presented by Experienced Citizen from Estonia

Mrs. Linda Patterson addressed a part of the Government and American History classes concerning communism Thursday, February 13. Mrs. Patterson, presently living in Enterprise, is a native of Estonia and lived there during the time of the communist take-over.

In order to give a contrast between freedom and Communism, Mrs. Patterson gave a brief background of her country. The people, in general, led happy lives owning property and working as they wished.

The Communists took over the country a step at a time. First, Communist officials came to the Estonian government and asked permission to quarter their troops on nearby islands. The Communist stressed that this was "to protect and help the Estonians." Then, one typical Sunday afternoon these Communist troops took over the country of Estonia with virtual-

allotted to each individual. Troops and spies were quartered in what were formerly private homes. In school, Communist doctrines were taught as the only right way; religion was discouraged. At times the people lived in utter starvation and privation. There was no news of the outside world, the people heard only what the Communists wanted them to hear.

The main word in describing life in Estonia after the Communist take-over was **fear**. The Communists used individuals and their families as examples. People would disappear and never be heard of again. To get information from someone they would imprison or torture an individual close to this person. The person would be exhausted physically and mentally till all information was given with the "promise" of something. The promises were never fulfilled.

ly no resistance. Most people did not know what was happening. No one owned anything anymore, not even their own lives and children.

Life under Communism was complete misery. One worked as he was told and therefore there was no longer any initiative. A certain amount of living space was

The Communist staged riots to make it appear that the people wanted Communism. These tactics and others can be seen in the U. S. today. Various front organizations are used to get individuals involved in Communism. After stepping into Communism it is almost impossible to return.



## CLUB NEWS

### Entre Nous

On Friday, February 14, Entre Nous met for the purpose of inducting new members into the French National Honor Society. After an amusing French skit by the old members of Society, the following students were inducted: Jane Brown, Denise Daley, Debbie Knight, Faye Deal, Laurie Elmore, Beverly Nicholas, Mauri Schwartz, Carol Trant, Sharon Windsor, Bruce Strickland, Gordon Taylor, Bradley Dennis, and Carol Jones. To be eligible the new members had to have a "B" average and must be a second year student.

### N.H.S.

The National Honor Society met Monday, February 17, and discussed plans for their induction assembly which has been delayed until March. They also voted on 37 new members from a list of eligible juniors and seniors.

### Debate Team

At the Montgomery District Debate Tourney February 12, Dothan High ranked second in our district. We were tied with Enterprise (five wins, one loss) going into the championship round in which the negative team, Jeannie Dowling and Faye Deal, represented Dothan. In a very close and exciting debate with Enterprise's affirmative team, the DHS negative team lost by two points, thus ending up second in the tourney.

Carol Jones and Lawanna Parker were the DHS affirmative team and ranked second in the affirmative discussion.

By ranking second, the DHS debaters qualified to attend the State Tourney at the University of Alabama in March.

### F.T.A.

The Future Teachers of America met on Wednesday, February 5. After a brief discussion, members voted on whether or not to help with the landscaping of the campus. Plans were then

discussed for ways to raise money for the scholarship given each year to some deserving future teacher. In the program presented by Mr. Ivey, he told of his teaching experiences in Tegucigalpa, Honduras in a combined elementary and high school upheld by the Americans in Honduras.

### FBLA

FBLA hosted their annual banquet on February 7 in the Wiregrass Room at the Holiday Inn.

Sid Richardson, manager of the South Oates branch of the Dothan Bank and Trust Company, served as the master of ceremonies. Az Flowers, Jr., vice-president of the Dothan Bank and Trust Company, spoke to the club on "The Prefabricated Man."

The club presented Miss Helms with a piece of sterling silver. Jay Solomon and Sandra Stokes were elected Mr. and Miss FBLA and both were presented with a trophy. Sandra Stokes was also selected as the most outstanding member of '68-'69. She was awarded an engraved pin.

Lynne Barrett provided the entertainment with several vocal selections on her guitar.

A dance followed the banquet. Music was provided by the "Labor Union."

### Los Maniceros

Los Maniceros held their annual banquet on February 17 at the Holiday Inn. President Bruce Knop presided over the dinner. Entertainment was supplied by Lynne Barrett, Mary Ann Adams, Terry Slaughter, George McClintock and Allen Atkinson. Another fiesta is planned for the end of the year.

### "D" Club

On Thursday, February 6, the Dothan High School "D" Club held its first meeting of the year. Members of the club are composed of any person who has received a letter for his athletic ability. The officers elected are as follows: president, Reid Underwood; vice-president, Paul Phillips; and secretary, Steve Wade. After the election, pictures were made for the Gargoyle.

### Key Club

Service is the only word to describe our Dothan High School Key Club. Recently they have aided both the Heart Fund and the Multiple Dystrophy Drive. Also, the Key Club is helping with the school landscaping project.

Many recreational fundraising plans are in progress. The Key Club and the Circle K Club from George C. Wallace will meet together for a basketball game. Another game is planned with the Interact Club. A dance will be held by the Key Club in the near future.

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## STUDENT COUNCIL CORNER

### STUDENT COUNCIL BACKS LANDSCAPING

The Student Council is proud to be a part of the landscaping project being undertaken by the Interclub Council. This project was started back in August when two men came from Auburn to look over the campus and tell us which plants were the best for our area. After the plans were received, a committee was appointed from the Interclub Council to investigate the project. We feel that this is a worthwhile project, and for this reason and the fact that we are concerned with the beauty of our campus we are supporting it.

### ELECTIONS ARE COMING

During the first week in March, the hopeful candidates for 1969-70 school offices pass their petitions around, had them signed, and turned them in. The official campaigning begins the week after A.E.A. and will continue until March 19. The speeches will be made on the following day. On March 20, the students of D.H.S. will go to the polls and vote for their favorite candidates.

The newly elected officers will attend the State Student Council Convention on March 28-29.

## Youth Government Elections Held

Youth in Government elections for 1968-69 were held January 28 and 29 at Dothan High School.

After a run-off election for twelve of the offices, the following officers were announced: Bob Hardie, mayor; Janet Byrd, commissioner no. 1; Mary Alice Davis, commissioner no. 2; Terry Slaughter, police chief; Gary Kornegay, fire chief; Danny Sharp, recre-

ation director; Lynne Barrett, city clerk; Tommy Hoffman, superintendent of streets; Katie Elmore, superintendent of the electric plant; Ronald Devane, superintendent of water department; Judy Bryan, sanitation director; Hayne Hollis, city engineer; and Mary Ann Adams, personnel director. These students will serve in their respective offices on April 4.

### STUDENT TEACHERS

(Continued from page 1)  
Mrs. Poitevint, a biology major, English minor at Troy State, plans to teach somewhere in the Selma area. She is a member of the Baptist Student Union, SNEA, Adelphe Honor Society at Troy State. She is learning under Mrs. Eliza-

beth Allen.

Mr. Joe Rice, from Rehobeth, Alabama, is a physical science major and minor. At Troy State Mr. Rice is a member of Kappa Delta Pi, SNEA, and the Argonauts. Learning under Mr. Bedsole, Mr. Rice hopes to teach somewhere in Alabama in the future.

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**"HIS" AND "HERS" VIEWS ON DRINKING**

**Question: Do you think girls should drink?**

**Answer:** There is definitely a difference in a boy drinking and a girl drinking. A boy can drink, and still keep his respect. But, if a girl drinks, she is immediately condemned. I do not think this is fair. There are many occasions when society demands a girl to drink. You are not forced to drink at fraternity parties, and a lot of people don't. But, the majority of college kids do drink. I'm not saying that you always have to go along with the crowd, but drinking—mild drinking—helps you fit in. It doesn't bother me to see a girl drink as long as she can hold it. A drunk girl really makes me sick. But, I wouldn't tell her, because it is her business: I drink, and I enjoy it. In fact, I resent anybody trying to stop me. My parents know I drink. They, also, know that I can control myself with liquor.

**Question: Would you let your date drink?**

**Answer:** It all depends on how I feel about my date. There are a lot of girls who I'd take out just to get drunk. But if I really cared something about a girl, I wouldn't want her to drink unless, like I said before, we were at something special. If I did let her drink, I'd definitely watch out for her. These boys really make me sick who talk about how much they love a girl and then take her out and let her get completely bombed. A lot of boys I know encourage their girlfriends to drink. How can a boy respect a girl who drinks for the heck of it—and how can you love somebody without respect.

**Question: Do a lot of girls drink just to drink?**

**Answer:** Yes, definitely so. A lot of girls drink because they think it makes them look tough. But, a lot of boys drink for the same reason. These parents kill me that complain about their little daughters around

all that trouble at the beach. You don't have to go to the beach to drink. The same things happen at Dothan—there's just not as many people here as there are in P.C. If a girl wants to drink, I wouldn't be the one to stop her. If I loved a girl, I wouldn't let her. But then, I don't think I could even love a girl who drank a lot.

Girls get the bad end of a deal. It's really just her decision. Too bad so many of them make the wrong one.

**Question: Do you think boys should drink?**

**Answer:** Actually I don't think it is any of my business whether boys drink or not, just so they aren't with me.

Everyone knows drinking is morally and legally wrong but in society today it seems to be socially O.K. With so many people (including a great number of teenagers) feeling it is alright to drink, it is hard for me to say that it is absolutely and entirely wrong. (But in the same sense I can not say it is right either). Too many people are killed every year because of drinking and driving.

Drinking is a responsibility and not many boys are ready to accept the responsibility of drinking. Every time a person drives while drinking, he endangers his and every other passenger in the car as well as innocent people on the highways. I know I wouldn't want that responsibility on my hands.

On the other hand, if a person feels he is responsible enough, if he can hold his liquor, and if he has his parents' permission to drink, then I feel he has every right.

**Question: Do you let your date drink?**

**Answer:** Under normal circumstances, no, I do not. I cannot respect a boy who goes out and gets drunk every weekend and my safety means more to me than any drunk date.

There are certain times when I feel I don't have the right to ask my date not to have one or two drinks. Occasions like "end of exams," "end-of-school," etc. are special, and sometimes I wish I could celebrate, too. In fact, at parties such as these, people seem to throw away their sophistication and act themselves for a change. It is a lot more fun than the airs a lot of them possess under normal circumstances like school.

**Question: Why do you think most boys drink?**

**Answer:** At first, most boys drink just to act tough and to act older, but by the time they are 17 or 18 some really enjoy it.

Of course, some people drink just to get away with it. In fact, one boy when asked about the lowering of the drinking age, said that he hoped they wouldn't because it would take the fun out of it. And some people drink because they have nothing else to do.

Teenagers are going to drink—no matter what the reason. At times I actually envy those who are able to escape from the reality of this messed up world, but, at the same time I am sorry for them because they are so weak that they have to have a crutch—drinking—to lean on.

**- In Review -**

**By Bonny Haughton**  
The Controlled World of Tomorrow? The Lonely World of Love?

What will the world be like hundreds of years from now? Read the **Brave New World** and see Aldous Huxley's conception of what the world is headed for. This book, although written in 1938, contains a realistic and detailed description of the controlled world of the future.

With the new discoveries of today which create life in a test tube, the reader of this book can imagine the controlled births of children whose parents, in our sense of the word, are nonexistent. In this modern world of the future, the word "mother" is a title of shame and marriages have long since been banned.

In other words, Huxley, the author, portrays the free love theory and the perfect

world to such an extent and detail that the reader cannot react except in horror to the future world we are creating.

The world is a beautiful place but it is ever so lonely to so many people. Never has any poet portrayed the loneliness of love's lost or never found any more clearly than Rod McKuen does in his book, **Stanyan Street and Other Sorrows**.

McKuen is a poet of today. His poems are realistic but are views of the sorrows of today. In fact, just by reading his poetry you are able to live and feel the emotions he is trying to portray.

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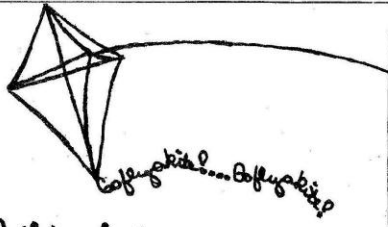
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## Editorials

### ARE GRADES REALLY FAIR??

The one single element of a teen-ager's life that causes the most anxiety is grades. Why are they so important? Should not how much they learn be more important?

Some students cannot make A's. No matter how hard they study or how hard they work, the A's just do not come. Should they be condemned for this? They may, by chance, have been put in an extremely smart class where they are utterly lost or maybe the teacher and the student just cannot get on the same level. Coincidences like these do occur.

The only thing many parents know about their son's or daughter's school work is the final grade on the report card. They may not realize that the student is doing his very best under the circumstances. Therefore, they penalize him for not making A's, or B's, or C's, whatever the case may be.

Someday, there may be a new grading system—pass/fail. Then the students will not be compared to the other members in the class. Many colleges, like Princeton University, University of Pennsylvania, Columbia University, University of Hawaii, and many others, are starting on this new system, offering one or two courses to each student on the pass/fail basis. Now stu-

dents are taking courses they really want rather than ones they can just make good grades in.

There are two main arguments against the new system. One is that it would make it extremely difficult to transfer grades unless all schools were on this system and how would colleges decide which students would be allowed to go to graduate school. One answer would be that normal grades be kept, but only in special cases would they be given. Under normal conditions, the pass/fail grades would be given.

Would the students try as hard if this grading system were used? On the whole, the normal good student would probably study just as hard, while the below normal student may improve if the comparing of them to other students is stopped. In other words, a good student will study just as hard, if no grades were given because he simply wants to learn. A non-studying student will not study anyway no matter what grading system is used. He simply wants to pass.

Some day grades may be removed entirely, but until then maybe a new system will be discovered. And if this does occur, maybe the emphasis will be put on learning, not grades.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR . . .

February 20, 1969

Dear Editor,

I would like to bring to the attention of the warm public the conditions under which students in some classrooms at DHS are expected to learn. Most of us find it hard enough to concentrate under ideal conditions; however, many students are placed under impossible conditions and expected to learn. We feel this problem acutely and feel that it should be brought to your attention. This problem concerns the heat in the classrooms; there is none.

If the students do manage to become so numbed by the cold that they can ignore it another problem is present. The teachers have trouble teaching above the sneezes and coughs. These are caused by students who have to go from Arctic-like rooms to those which are fortunate enough to have

adequate heat. Just about the time the student's brain begins to thaw enough for thinking to actually begin to take place the period is over and the student must go back out into the cold to change classes. In many cases, he must then go to a classroom equally as cold as the elements. As I have said, the teachers must compete to be heard above the coughs and sneezes. The trouble is that in many cases the teacher is also suffering from the effects of the cold; therefore the student must not only put up with his illness and the cold, but in many cases with the annoyance of the teacher and her own illness. I feel that this is unfair to the student as well as to the teacher.

In my two years as a student at DHS I have found it to be a very fine institution of learning. I do not mean for this letter to be taken as an implication

that I think any less of it. It just seems to me that such a fine school could provide adequate heat for its classrooms. I am sure that when this problem is presented in the correct manner to the school authorities, they will attempt to rectify it.

I feel that a great deal depends upon the way in which the problem is approached. I want to make it clear that I am not knocking the school. I am merely making a suggestion which I feel will improve it. Therefore, I do hereby respectfully submit to anyone capable of rectifying the situation the problem of the heat (or rather the lack of heat) in some of our classrooms. On behalf of all the students with cold minds, freezing bodies and chilled bones I would like to express the appreciation we would feel for some heat.

Very cordially yours,  
Harriet Adams

### TO LOWER OR NOT TO LOWER

Should the drinking age in the United States be lowered to an age where the great majority of teenage drinking would be made legal? This has been the topic of great controversy over the past few years. But what are some valid reasons for it being lowered and reasonable arguments to keep the age where it is? What would the effects of either decision be?

First of all, what are the basic reasons for teenage drinking? Most teenagers say they drink only for the kicks they can get out of it. Basically, surveys show the average drinking teenager drinks to rebel against his family and home, school, and social life.

Why should the drinking age be lowered, why should it stay where it is, and what would the effects of either be? Since the majority of drinking teenagers are rebelling against society, no real reason would remain for them to drink if the age was lowered. At the present time about one in fifteen dollars is spent on alcohol. If the age was lowered, two dollars would be spent, increasing the amount to twice as much. Most teenagers who will eventually become addicted to alcohol begin drinking at age fourteen or fifteen. Now, with this in mind, teenagers may be as much as seven years under

the legal drinking age. If the age were lowered in Alabama from twenty-one to eighteen, kids as young as eleven and twelve may start drinking. Would the rate of accidents and deaths increase? If the age stays where it is, matters could not get worse than they are now. When enough people realize what is happening, something will be done to solve this problem.

No matter how many arguments are given, the really sensible ones seem to say keep the age where it is now. Cities and states should place more emphasis on the enforcement of this law, since it has become a large issue in the cause of crimes and deaths in our country. All blame cannot possibly be placed on the teenager since it is the duty of adults to report these teenagers to local officials. Although adults voice opinions loudly on the rising increase in teenage drinking, when times arise when they can help these kids by reporting them, they choose to pretend they do not see what is going on.

At any rate, this gives teenagers and adults something to think about seriously. If you drink, are you "hooked" on liquor, or can you kick the habit without delay? With all the statistics and surveys in the

open today, serious thought should be given about the subject before taking your next drink.

### To Seniors Only!

Wow! It's nearly here. June 2, 1969 is just around the corner. After this momentous day, all Seniors earmarked 1969 will be high school graduates headed in a thousand and one directions. For many Seniors the new direction they face will include a university or college.

As the first steps are taken into the new "Campus World," confusion, often, is the dominating emotion. After the initial jolt, the sudden awareness come of being free as the wind is a place where the PARTY IS KING.

Too often, when young adults leave the harness of home behind, they also leave the better portion of their common sense behind them. Without common sense the immature have no chance; the mature have a challenge.

The pitfalls of college are deep but well-concealed. Everyone talks about campus life with a laugh of glee, but the twinkle in one's eye may vanish when he sees his first semester grades at "Partyland University." So Seniors '69, GET SERIOUS ABOUT COLLEGE!

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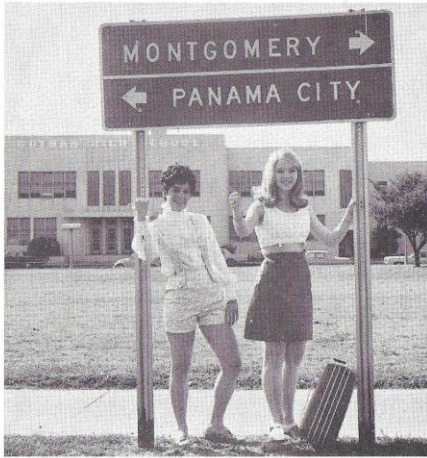
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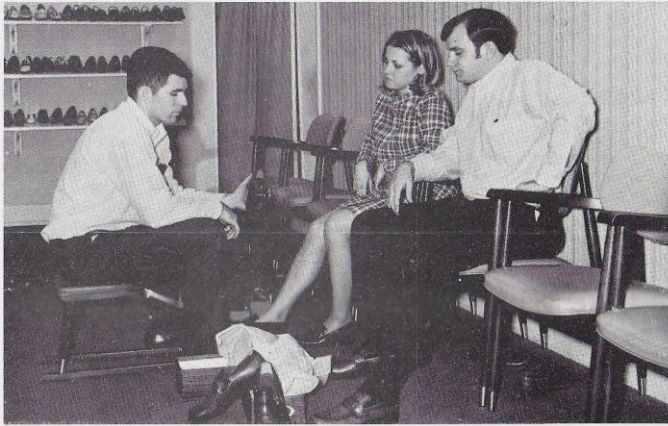
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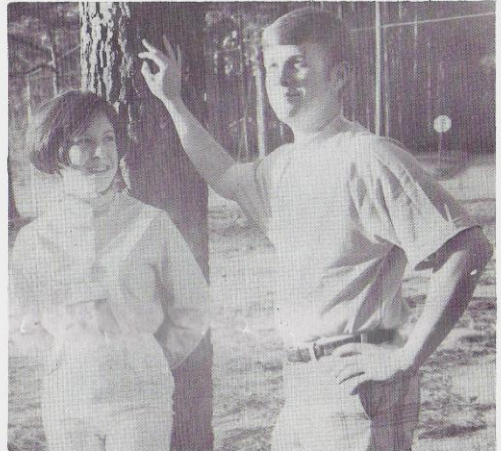
Panama City bound are Maurie Schwartz and Mary Alice Davis with the newest in spring fashions from KIM'S.



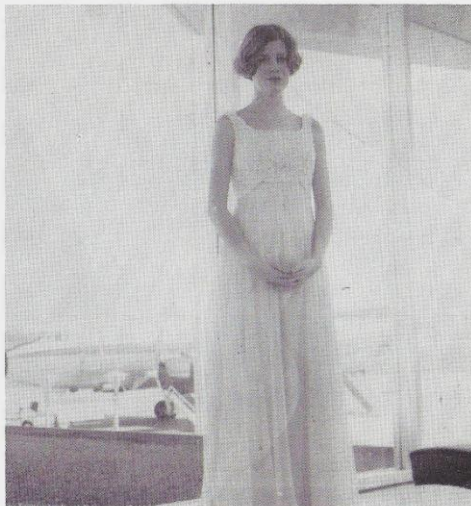
AEA wouldn't be complete without the refreshing taste of PEPSI.



Becky Marsh and Paul Phillips, assisted by Phillip Paulk, look at the new spring selection of Dexter shoes at BAXTER'S.

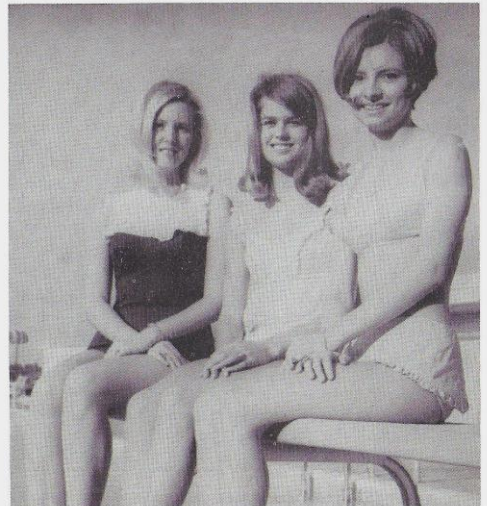


Kay Price and Hayne Hollis look forward to spring and summer in great casual wear from BLUMBERG'S.



Fun in the sun means bathing suits (right) from . . . DAVID'S CASUALS

Fashion minded gals shop LES HEN'S DEN—Dothan's Fashion Boutique. Alberta Sanders wears the official gown of the Miss Teen-Age America contest. (left)





## DOTHAN HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH DEPARTMENT IN REVIEW



1st row—L. to R.: Lawanna Parker, Carol Jones, Faye Deal, Jeannie Dowling. 2nd row: Craig Childs, Jimmy Fair, Larry Williams, Tommy Daniel.

The drama department at Dothan High School offers three main courses under the category of drama. They are Speech I and Speech II, Discussion Debate, and Drama.

Speech, being offered this year at DHS, will be revised next year into an introductory course to the department. The course will include two six weeks of debate, two six weeks of public speaking, and two six weeks of drama. Plans are being made for this class to eventually become a prerequisite to any other course in the drama department. Speech II will consist mostly of advanced public speaking.

Discussion Debate is divided into sections: The first semester consists of the basic fundamentals of debate and the last semester is a laboratory course. At the present time, the teams are getting ready for state-wide competition.

The debate teams travel from eighteen hundred to two thousand miles a year on debate tournaments. This year they have gone to places as the University of South Alabama, Samford University, and the Regional Tournament in Montgomery. On March 7th and 8th, they are going to Springhill College; and to the state tournaments at the University of Alabama on April

17th, 18th, and 19th. On May 3rd, they will attend the Auburn Tiger Club tournament. As the teams improve, they go on to regional tournaments and of course national tournaments.

The Drama Class is basically an introductory to the theatre. Students must do a little acting. The class requires a semester of acting and a semester of backstage work, consisting of building, painting, costumes, and makeup.

The class decides what they would rather learn. The drama class has put on one play this year, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, which was presented in the fall.

### Thespians Attend Convention in Birmingham

The Dothan Thespian Troupe 1808 attended the Alabama Thespian Convention on January 31 to February 1 at the Birmingham Southern College. This convention is held once a year when all of the Thespian troupes in Alabama attend the convention.

Dothan was well represented this year. Cindy Hartley and Deborah Hart presented readings in part of the banquet program Friday evening. Dean Coe hosted the only interpreted dance which was *Exodus*. *The Sandbox*, a one act play by Edward Albee, was put



Scene from "Sand Box" — L. to R.: Don Owens, Judy Bryan, Mary Alice Davis, Tommy Daniel.



over-worked few—L. to R.: Donna Compton, Dean E. Nancy Stevens, Janice and Judy Sullivan.

### MUSICAL COMEDY

On April 24th and 25th, the Dothan High drama department will present the vacuous musical comedy, *Mame*.

The musical *Mame* was taken from the novel *Auntie Mame* by Patrick Dennis and reproduced into the roadshow musical by Jerome Lawrence and Robert Lee.

At the present time, *Mame* is still running on Broadway and is still a top hit. It is a member of the Tony Award, the highest award given to any Broadway show.

*Mame* is the light comedy of a happy-go-lucky girl whose philosophy of life is that life is a banquet and that everyone is starving to death. Every day she just opens a new window and travels a new road. The actual setting is from 1928 to 1946 during the time

of bathtub-gin days and the depression, but the story could be from any period. Mame is a woman who, because of her brother's death, must rear his twelve-year-old son. The play deals with scenes of Mame when she was very wealthy and lost all her money, her remarriage, and the time she almost loses her nephew when she sends him away to experimental school.

The lyrics to *Mame* were written by Jerry Herman (*Hello, Dolly!*, *Milk and Honey*) who also won the Tony award for the best composer. Some of the songs in *Mame* are: "Mame," "Open a New Window," "My Best Girl," "It's Today," and "Bosom Buddies."

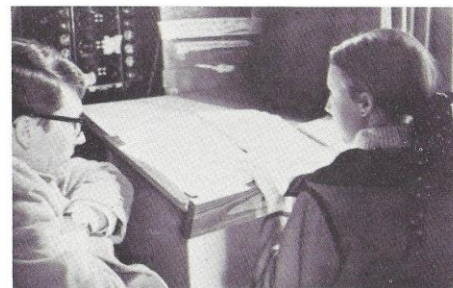
This will be the first musical Dothan High School has ever presented. The play will be put on with the

help of several departments. The stage band, under the direction of Mr. Hickman, will be the musical accompaniment. Mrs. Harmon will be the choreographer and Mr. McClure will be in charge of the vocal aspect. Mr. Lawrence and the art department will be responsible for the sets and scenery and Miss Bailey will do the directing and coordinating. The cast may be as large as wanted, but there is a minimum of forty characters. Tryouts for *Mame* were scheduled for the 3rd and 4th of March.

program, Deborah Hart and Charles Stephenson.

A little should be said in behalf of the Thespians. This is an honorary organization to honor the most outstanding in the fields of drama. The Thespians in-

tiate twice a year. To become a Thespian, one must work on a play or be in one. This year, "A Happening" was presented by the Thespians and another is planned for April 11.



Tommy Daniel, Technical Director, Jeannie Dowling, Student Director for "Skin" back stage during rehearsals.





**D. H. S. BASKETBALL**

**Pensacola**

Pensacola handed the Tigers their worst defeat of the season. Balanced scoring played an important role in the 79-55 victory, as four Pensacola players hit double figures. Steve Wade was the Tiger scoring leader with 12 points, followed by Doug Valeska with 9 points.

The Dothan Bees' second loss of the season came at the hands of the Pensacola Bees, who won by a 65-47 margin. Gary Kirkland hit 12 points for the Tiger Bees.

**Lee**

The Tigers lost by a single point to the Lee High Generals of Montgomery. The Generals were ahead by 3 with a few seconds left, and Dothan narrowed the lead to one at the final buzzer. The final score was 64-63.

The Tiger Bees raised their record to 10-3 by defeating the General Bee team 79-59. Ronnie Money led the Tigers with 22, followed by Chuck Rush and Warren Cook with 10 each.

**Ozark**

The Dothan Tigers lost by a narrow margin — 2 points — to the Ozark Eagles. The Tigers led all the way until Ozark's Wood sank two free throws with 17 seconds left to tie the score. The game went into two overtimes before Ozark came out the victor. The Tigers were paced by Willie Kirkland's 15, Doug Valeska's 14, and Steve Wade's 12 points. The loss gave Dothan an 11-6 record for

Tiger Tracks

the season.

The Baby Tigers crushed the Ozark Bees 58-10. Robert Nomberg scored 14 to lead the Tigers.

**Kinston**

The Kinston Bulldogs re-vengeed their earlier 56-55 loss to the Dothan Tigers by defeating them 57-54. Willie Kirkland and Steve Wade played an outstanding game for Dothan, scoring 21 and 19 points, respectively.

The Baby Tigers raised their record to 12-2 in defeating the Kinston Bees for the second time this season. The 54-30 Tiger win was led by Ronald Money with 13 points and Robert Nomberg with 12.

**Enterprise**

The Dothan Tigers raised their season's chart to 12-7 by defeating the Enterprise Wildcats 69-55. Steve Wade scored 23 points for the Tigers. Doug Valeska followed with 15 and Willie Kirkland got 12 points in the winning cause.

The Tiger Bees beat the Enterprise Bees 59-33. Gary Kirkland sank 14 points, David Kirkland 11, and Terry Heisler 10 to lead the Bees to their 13th victory against only two losses.

**Opelika**

A 61-47 decision over Opelika gave the Tigers a 13-7 record. Willie Kirkland led the Tigers in both scoring and rebounding with 17 points and 19 rebounds. Steve Wade added 16 and sophomore Ronnie Money scored 14 for Dothan.

The Bee team lost their third game of the season to the Opelika Bees 47-46. Robert Nomberg scored 25 in the losing cause.

**Enterprise**

The Tigers' chart was raised to 14-7 at the expense of the Enterprise Wildcats. The Tigers had to fight hard to defeat the fired-up Wildcats 56-53. Willie Kirkland and Doug Valeska scored 16 and 12 points, respectively.

The Baby Tigers beat the Enterprise Bees 46-31. Robert Nomberg's 15 points and Chuck Rush's 11 led the Tigers to victory.

**Central**

It was the century mark against Central as Dothan beat the Phenix City team 101-50. With the score 99-50 and 14 seconds left, Ronald Devane sunk a long jump shot that gave the Tigers an easy victory. Steve Wade scored 19, Doug Valeska 17, and Bruce Knop and Ronnie Money had 12 apiece for the Tigers.

The Tiger Bee team's classy record was raised to 15-3 as they defeated the Central Bees 66-27. The Tigers in double figures were Robert Nomberg with 12 points and Gary Kirkland with 11.

**Pensacola**

It was a sweet revenge for the Tigers when they ended the season by beating Pensacola 57-51. It was sweet because the Tigers

finished a successful 16-7 season and avenged their earlier 79-55 defeat in Pensacola. Doug Valeska was the high scorer for the Tigers with 21 points. Steve Wade followed with 12 and Willie Kirkland with 10. Kirkland also had 20 rebounds for the Tigers.

The Pensacola Bees marred the Tiger Bees' record for the second time by defeating them 47-34. The Baby Tigers completed the season with an impressive 15-4 record. Robert Nomberg had 14 points for the losing cause.

**Region Tournament**

The Dothan Tigers carried a 16-7 record into the Region Three, 4-A tournament in Montgomery. The Tigers were seeded second behind Carroll of Ozark. In the quarter-finals, Carver of Montgomery defeated Dothan 94-84. Carver beat another Montgomery team, Lee, to reach the quarter-finals.

The Tigers were out front 25-12 early in the game, but by halftime Carver had narrowed the gap to 42-41. In the third quarter, Carver outscored the Tigers 27-15. The fourth quarter was close as the Tigers had the edge 27-26. But the damage had been done by Carver in the third quarter and the Tigers were eliminated from the tournament. Doug Valeska led Dothan in scoring with 19 points. Willie Kirkland added 18, Steve Wade 13, Jim Farmer 12 and Ronnie Money 10 for the Tigers. For his outstanding play in the tournament, Wade was

selected to be on the all-senior team.

**Tiger Basketball 1968-1969**

The 1968-69 basketball season for the Tigers is over and they have an over-all 16-8 record to show for it. One of the wins and two losses came in tournament play. Steve Wade was the scoring leader for the season with 406 points. He was followed by Willie Kirkland with 314, Doug Valeska 272, Jim Farmer 154, Bruce Knop 138, and Ronnie Devane 107. The rest of the scoring was handled by Whit Pilette with 79, Joel Todd 59, Ronnie Money 52, Bob McKnight 21, David Hall 20, Legrand Hutchinson 13, and Joe Moseley 9. Congratulations to Coach Mack K Kirkland and the Tigers for a fine season!



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**Cathy Taylor** . . . Cat . . . Hobby—skating, swimming . . . pet peeve—teachers . . . Favorite food—anything as long as its food . . . favorite color—blue . . . Future plans—cashier . . . on being a senior: Can't wait till I get out.

**Charlie Trawick** . . . nickname—"Twaly" . . . Hobby—fishing and girl watching . . . pet peeve—Auburn . . . Favorite food—steak and goodies . . . Favorite color—Palomino Ivory . . . Future plans—George C. Wallace . . . on being a senior: Great being on top.

**Kaye Johnson** . . . Hobby—dancing . . . pet peeve—people who don't turn right on red . . . Favorite food—fried chicken . . . Favorite color—green . . . future plans—University of Ala. . . on being a senior: Couldn't be better.

**Michael Thomas** . . . "Mot" Hobby—girl watching . . . Pet peeve—Auburn . . . Favorite food—steak and fries . . . Favorite color—blue . . . Future plans—George C. Wallace . . . on being a senior: Better than being a junior or soph.

**Reid Underwood** . . . Hobby—duck hunting . . . pet peeve—busy phones . . . favorite food—steak and shrimp cocktails . . . favorite color—crimson and white . . . future plans—attend

**Bruce LeClerc** . . . Hobby—coin collecting . . . pet peeve—drivers who don't use turn signals . . . favorite food—Fried scallops; steamed clams . . . favorite color—royal blue . . . future plans—"Open for suggestions." . . . on being a senior: it's OK for the time being.

**Stephen S. Johns** . . . Hobby—skin diving . . . pet peeve—Ford Thunderbird . . . favorite food—seafood of any kind . . . favorite color—blue, yellow . . . future plans—future plans are open . . . on being a senior: It's happening now

**Debbie Hillman "Ears"** Hobby—swimming and skiing . . . pet peeve—busy phones . . . Favorite food—everything edible . . . favorite color—navy blue . . . future plans—college then airline stewardess . . . on being a senior: well alright!

**Patricia Kelly** . . . nickname—Kelly . . . hobby—bowling . . . pet peeve—someone telling me how to drive . . . favorite food—shrimp and pizza . . . favorite color—blue . . . future plans—Eugene L. . . on being a senior—the best is yet to come.

**Carol Jones** . . . Hobby—swimming . . . pet peeve—people who're never on time Favorite food—jello salad . . . favorite color—yellow

. . . future plans—Birmingham—Southern . . . on being a senior: It's a lot of fun.

**Terry C. Johnston** . . . Hobby—hunting, fishing and skiing . . . pet peeve—people who smoke . . . favorite food—steak and baked potatoes . . . favorite color—green . . . future plans—George C. then Auburn . . . on being a senior: It finally got here but I kind of hate to see it go.

**Lloyd Patrick Johnson** . . . Nickname—Pat . . . Hobby—'68 Chevelle 396 . . . Pet peeve—Dothan Police Dept. . . . Favorite food—box lunches . . . favorite color—green . . . future plans—Gulf Coast Jr. . . . on being a senior: About time!

**Pamela Johnson** . . . Nickname—Pinnocchio . . . hobby—dancing, skiing . . . pet peeve—girls who date your boyfriend and then act mad with you . . . favorite food—fried oysters . . . favorite color—green . . . future plans—attend college . . . On being a senior: It's great!

**Roger Hussey** . . . Nickname—Peanut . . . Hobby—'57 Chevy . . . pet peeve—women drivers . . . favorite food—chicken, steak, chocolate cake . . . favorite color—blue . . . future plans—George C. . . on being a senior: I thought I would never get here.

**Roger Kemp** . . . Nickname—Fang . . . hobby—Chevelle SS 396 . . . Pet peeve—cops that hide on Friday and Saturday nights . . . favorite food—DHS "hot" lunches . . . favorite color—willow gold . . . future plans—George C. or U. of S.U. . . . on being a senior—What's so great about it? Other than the last year of high school.

**Randall Johnson** . . . Nickname—Elmer . . . Hobby—hunting . . . pet peeve—tests . . . favorite food—steak . . . favorite color—blue and orange . . . future plans—Auburn . . . on being a senior: It's about time!

**Kim King** . . . Nickname—Mohican . . . hobby—hunting, reading . . . pet peeve—people who can't take the trouble to be nice . . . favorite food—shrimp creole . . . favorite color—navy blue . . . future plans—attend U.S. Naval Academy (hopefully) . . . On being a senior: The last step of a long ladder.

**Gary Kornegay** . . . Hobby—sports . . . pet peeve—nail biting . . . favorite food—spaghetti . . . favorite color—blue . . . future plans—Auburn . . . on being a senior—It's not over yet.

**David Johnson** . . . Nickname—Sal . . . Hobby—sports . . . Pet peeve—peo-

ple that don't like parties . . . favorite food—steak . . . Favorite color—crimson . . . Future plans—play college football . . . on being a senior: Its up-tight and out-of-sight.

**David L. Johnson** . . . Hobby—reading . . . Pet Peeve—slow drivers . . . favorite food—steak . . . favorite color—crimson and white . . . future plans—U. of Ala. . . on being a senior—it's all right.

**Hayne Hollis** . . . Hobby—collecting lunchroom plates . . . pet peeve—school . . . favorite food—raw fish . . . Favorite color—bright orange . . . future plans—truck driver . . . on being a senior—nothing unusual.

**Rebecca Girdner** . . . Nickname—Becki . . . Hobby—skiing, piano, reading . . . pet peeve—stuck-up people . . . favorite food—shrimp . . . favorite color—green . . . future plans—college . . . on being a senior—Finally!!!

**Roger Henderson** . . . Nickname—Spot . . . Hobby—having fun . . . Pet peeve—bright lights and a lot of people . . . Favorite food—meat loaf . . . Favorite color—white . . . Future plans—Rice Patty College . . . On being a senior: I Love it.

U. of A. and play football . . . on being a senior: now everything starts over again.

**Debbie Holman** . . . "Deb" Hobby—ceramics . . . pet peeve—people who don't turn right on red . . . favorite food—chili . . . favorite color—crimson and white . . . future plans—University of Alabama . . . on being a senior: Hip-Hip-Hur-Ray!!

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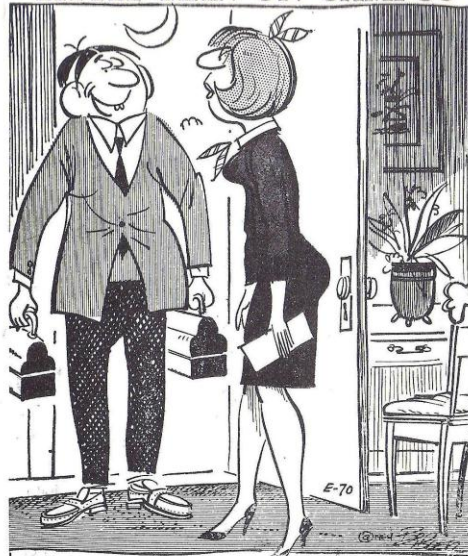
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