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# UESTA TONIGHT

## WHENCE COMES UESTA

The UESTA, annual Hallowe'en festival, has become a real tradition at UHS. It was first simply a Hallowe'en party designed to keep the students (those juvenile delinquents) off the streets. However, in 1944, Mr. Kenneth Davis, math teacher here at the time, thought of the name UESTA, a combination of University High and Fiesta. Along with this name, came the inspiration for a carnival with booths. Also, it provided splendid opportunities for getting out of such trivial things as classwork.

All of us who have attended U. H. S. at least a year, are acquainted with the flurry and rush around UESTA time. Almost everyone is connected in some way with one or more parts of this extravaganza. In recent years, a variety show has been held so that the students who sing, act, or dance (?) may have a chance to show their ability.

The evening is topped off by the coronation of a Queen, and a Princess. Each class elects a candidate; the Senior High's competing for Queen; the Junior High's for Princess. Last year the system of a vote for each ticket purchased was introduced, and it looks as if this system is here to stay, for a while at least.

The after effects of the UESTA are felt the hardest by the custodians, who are confronted by a sea of confetti and torn, bedraggled, decorations. Nor are these annoyances confined to the gym, or even the school building. Most of us come to school (if there is any) the next morning with UESTA hangovers and particles of dirty confetti still in our hair. It even comes as a surprise to see the dear old building in it's familiar surroundings, still in-

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## YIPEE! UESTA'S COME

Uesta always starts out so slowly--so quietly--so serenely. The Student Council thinks, "Here it is, a month ahead. We shall draw up detailed plans so that the Uesta will run the smoothest ever. This year there will be no last minute rush. Everything will be done exactly on time, or ahead of time! Uesta will be whipped into shape, thank you! But there comes a time, two weeks before Uesta; no one has signed up for the Balloon Booth, Ping Pong Ball Bottle Top, and Basketball Throw. Rumors fly wildly, "NO UESTA!", "UESTA FROM 3:00 TO 10:00", "WHO CARES?"...

"E'vn the best-laid plans of mice and men..."

There are those who frown and gloomily shake their heads and say, "I guess not. The students don't want a Uesta. We'll give it up. We'll feed it to the birdies!"

But those wise old students in charge nod knowingly at one another and with the stubbornness of the well-known Missouri Mule, vote down all motions to call a halt.

Time and Uesta march on.

And then something happens! Four days before Uesta, everyone gets excited. Things start off with the assembly. Everyone grabs for a concession, pleads to be let out of class to work on something--anything--, tears through the halls looking for Miss Wood, Miss Lang, Mr. Grant, Mr. Duncan, Kilroy, the ghost of Julius Caesar, and a good Hallowe'en pumpkin.

Students run through the halls, hurriedly make 20 posters at the last minute, scramble

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tact, with its roof back on! All too soon, however, things settle back again into the old routine until the next year.

madly for pins, tacks, paper, nails, chairs and tables. Bustling beavers besiege the teachers with the demand, "May we PLEASE get out of class to paint, color, tack, yell, and screech?"

American History spends 60 minutes of an hour cutting, and--alas. it must be confessed--throwing confetti. The manual training classes hammer booths together wildly--backwards, sideways, upside down, and kattywampishly. Teachers listen to all kinds of imaginable, (and unimaginable) excuses for getting out of class and agree (sometimes!)--or give in.

Five-thirty Monday afternoon, the demand for material is still going strong, and the teachers wring their hands in despair. "Oh, how can this possibly turn out well," they lament "Oh, and alas.

Poor mice and men.

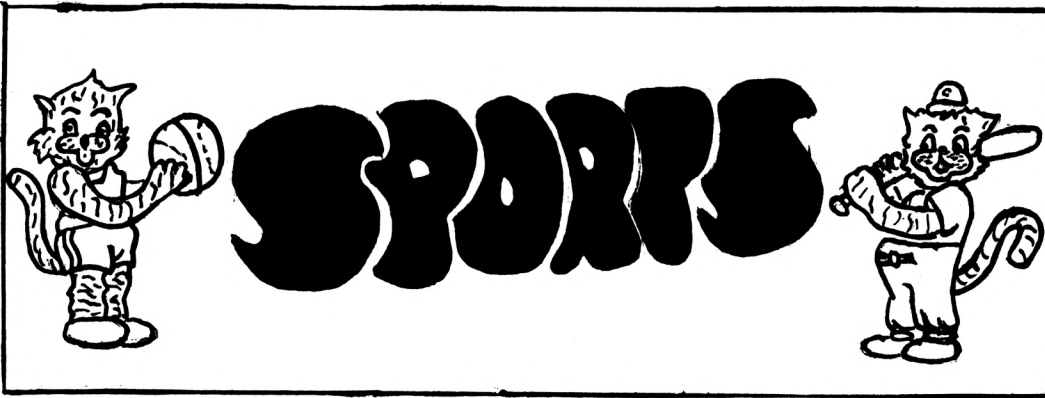
Chased out of the building at 6:00, the students are still feverishly cramming things together--not the least item being heads.

And then, half an hour later, Uesta opens on time. Hallelujah!!

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## WHITE VS. GOLD

"But I want a gold sweater!"  
 "Yes, but I have already  
 bought a white sweater!"

So the argument went, with bribery on all sides. Shall we have gold or white letter sweaters this year for our Pep Squad uniform? Nevertheless, on Monday, October the 18, the problem was settled. A meeting was called, a few lives lost as the vote was taken, with the gold sweaters being victorious over the white. So the official Pep Squad uniforms are gold letter-sweaters and black skirts.

At this same meeting, our cheerleaders for the Junior and Senior High were elected. The sweater controversy had left all in a heated mood and yelling came naturally. It looks this year as if there'll be sprained jaws and hoarse whispers after the games. Congratulations to the excellent and spirited group that tried out. Special congratulations go to Intsy Faurot, Muriel Meeker, and Elsie Fellows who are the Junior High Cheerleaders, also to Joy Rehberger, Peggy King, and Megan McKinney, Darry Hindman, and Billy Elbe who are the Senior Cheerleaders.

## BASKETBALL PREVIEWS

On October 10, Coach Forshee issued the call for basketball candidates and the 1949-50 basketball season was under way.

Coach Forshee will have only two returning lettermen, Wesley Hardin, a 6'3" center, and Walter Melton, a six-foot forward. Two boys who saw a great deal of action on the varsity last year will probably also figure in the plans for this year. They are Jack Maxwell and Coy Again, both of whom will probably see plenty of service this year.

To make up for the loss of so many of his lettermen, Coach Forshee has a very large squad left over from last years "B" team from which to draw for replacements for the varsity.

The first several days of practice were spent in stressing the basic fundamentals of basketball, with the handling of the ball stressed very strongly.

The schedule has not been entirely completed as yet, but ten games and three tournaments have been lined up. The first game and home opener is November 8 with New Franklin. Also scheduled during November are the Glasgow Invitational Tournament, and the New Franklin Tournament. U. H. S. hopes to play about 18 games plus the three tournaments, the other being the Fulton Tournament in January.

The entire squad, Coach Forshee and Dr. Maxwell are looking forward to a very successful and know that the entire student body will be behind them this year.

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## S.G.O. LINE PARTY

At the first S.G.O. meeting, held at Mrs. Bards home, officers were elected: President--Vanita Garrard, Vice President--Rowena Estes, Secretary and Treasurer -- Prissy Weston. On Monday, October 11, Prissy Weston treated the S.G.O. girls to a movie at the Missouri theatre, and afterwards to refreshments at Central Dairy.

## EVENTS OF NOVEMBER

Uesta.....Oct. 31  
 Teachers Meeting.....Nov. 3&4  
 New Franklin (Here)..... Nov. 8  
 Glasgow Tournament.....Nov. 16-19  
 N. Franklin Tournament.....  
 Nov. 29-Dec. 3  
 Thanksgiving Holiday.....  
 Starts-12:00 Nov. 23  
 Ends - 8:30 Nov. 28

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One way to teach a boy cleanliness is to dust his sitting room

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## CHEERLEADERS OF 49-50



--Photo by Darry Hindman.  
 Pictured above are the new cheerleaders. In the first row, left to right, Elsie Fellows, Muriel Meeker and Aileen Faurot. Standing are Megan McKinney and

Joy Rehberger. Not pictured are Peggy King and the boy cheerleaders who were elected later, Darry Hindman and Billy Elbe.

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SNOOP

Aileen Faurot has finally narrowed the field down to two, Hoyt Johnson or Terry Dunscombe. To complete a bad pun, Aileen should move to Terre Haut, Indiana... Elsie Fellows is seeing a lot of Terry Bladow lately, but you'd better watch it, Elsie! You've got some competition.... At the eighth grade picnic, the girls tied the boys in tackle football which proves once more, "Never underestimate the power of a woman"\*\*\*\*\*Elsie Fellows hosted a dance. The refreshments were wonderful, and as for the dancing on the back porch.. Well???? Jewel Jo Piana certainly seems to have the ninth grade boys under control. We always knew redheads were fast workers!!! We know at least three girls who have been making eyes at George Koch. Please, George, tell us the secrets of your charms..... Bobby Clatanoff and Sylvia Guffin have been seen making eyes at each other in algebra lately. Poor Bill Vaughn! .... Tommy Clymer and Lou Johnson may not be siamese twins, however; they're always together\*\* Mary D. Schooling was escorted by John Decker to a skating party. They had a swell time by all reports! !!! Who's that big, handsome, boy that Megan McKinney is writing to in Mississippi. We understand she sends him SCENTED letters---- Sylvia Guffin visited the McLeods this summer at their camp. We hear that she and

Danny called each other coucin. Certainly familiar ain't they!!! Barre Barrett had a line party on his 13th birthday. Only boys were invited. What's the matter, Barre, do the girls frighten you???? Joy Rehberger's date for the Hickman Homecoming Game was J.R. "Cornbread" Martin. What's the matter with the U.H.S. boys, Joy??? Helen White's latest pitter pat is for an out-of-town boy, Jimmy Dyer. He visited here two weeks ago, and was Helen Happy\*\*\*\* Congratulations. ... We thought at first that Bud Johnson and Jack Maxwell had moved to South Glenwood, but some one told us that they just like to visit Barbara Cotton.... Since "The Seniors" had their hayride at Ginny's. That's all the senior girls can talk about in Gym class! It MUST have been fun. .. Dub Cariton's attentions seem to turn to thoughts of romance though it's only Fall. This time it's Lynn Overstreet.... If you ever find Frank Conley on the sidewalk in a dead swoon, don't be alarmed. Moe Wehrman just passed#!#! We've seen some strange sights... old U. H. S. ... ggest is Pat ... with Pat ... speech. I suppose ... call this makin' love "UHS style."...

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CAN YOU IMAGINE?

- John as frownin' instead of Laffan?
- Enid as a bow instead of a Stearn?
- Betty Sue as stork instead of Crane?
- Peggy as a queen instead of a King?
- Jerry as standing instead of Crouch?
- Rex as a stable instead of a Barnes?
- Julia as a ruby instead of a Diemund?
- Dick as Easter instead of a Noel?

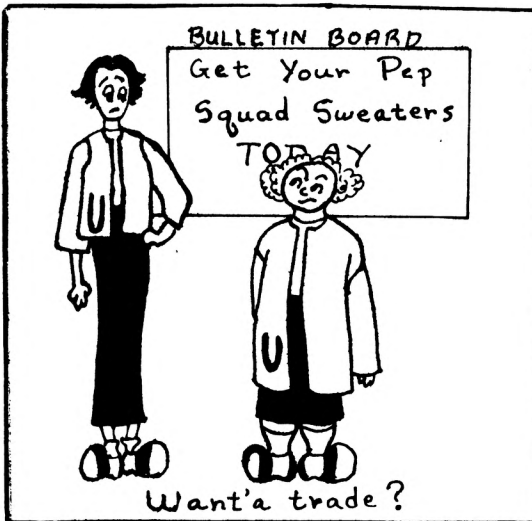
WELCOME PEDAGOGICAL NEOPHYTES

Now that school has started and the students have had time to catch their breath, we noticed that we have several new instructors. The art students found Miss Westover ready to conduct their classes. The high school mathematics classes were greeted by Mr. Ferguson, and his seventh and eighth grade counterpart, Mr. Anderson. Changes were also made in the home economics and music departments. Mrs. Postman is the new "cook and sew" teacher, and Mr. Conner instructs our budding musicians. The seventh and eighth grades also found that they had a new history teacher, Mr. Smith. And, of course, our librarian, Mr. Schaper.

Returning to us after a year of absence in Japan is Miss Hartwig who teaches history and civics. Miss Hartwig was definitely glad to be back in the States. However, she says that she will always remember her trip to the Orient. She found Japan very interesting but was astonished by the modernization there in regard to dress. One always thinks of Japan as being very colorful, everyone in bright kimpos, the long Japanese robe, but now almost everyone wears western dress.

Upon returning to Columbia she finds only one real disturbing change; namely, parking troubles ( who doesn't ). Previously, she could park near school without difficulty but no longer. Now it's up early to get here in time to grab the last available space. But it's wonderful to be back.

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- Dennis as a duck instead of a Drake?
  - Caroline as witless instead of Whitmore?



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