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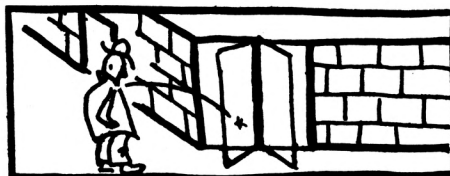
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## IS CHEMISTRY?

For some time, superstition has muddled the science of chemistry. For example, the ignorant disclaim the theory of Spontaneous generation, totally overlooking those mysterious objects that appear in your locker. (And don't tell me that anyone puts them in there unless it's Pixies I never can keep the Pixies out of my locker.) They scoff at the transmutation of elements, not realizing that everything is working towards old gum wrappers, (judging from the present volume of gum wrappers it will require only six months or so for the universe to resolve itself into dead space and old gum wrappers.) Some even believe that the scientific method is required for successful experiments, when actually the best experiments are conducted in a graveyard in the dark of the moon, preferably on the Northern coast of Scotland, (any graveyard will do.) Although certain people can mix  $H_2$  and O and get more than B12A6N3G2 and a bill for broken glass, it is a risky business compared with the proven procedure of making a toad cross his eyes at a beaker of Henbane.

Before this expose goes much farther it might be well to touch (very lightly, washing the hands afterwards) on the history of chemistry. The word "Chemistry" comes from the Ancient Greek "Chemistra", meaning "To spit in a revolving door." In the middle ages, the Alchemist wasted a lot of time by staying out late and ruining his eyes squinting at crucibles. Modern chemistry was developed by Antoine Lavoisier, who proved that when we breathe we breathe air. "When you breathe you breathe

air", was all that Antoine ever said, but he said it on an average of twice a minute. He was



Ancient Greek

beheaded as an enemy of the people in 1794.

Everyone knows that all substances are composed of molecules or groups of atoms clinging tightly together. As Klophe niger points out in his "The Moral Aspects of Sodium Chloride", things go on inside test-tubes that you wouldn't believe, even if Dr. Kinsey told you.

## ALL SCHOOL DANCE

The dance that is being sponsored by the Pep Squad is to be held October 16, in rooms 219 and 220. The fun will begin at 7:30 and end at 10:30. An entertaining floor show will be presented by the Pep Squad. Admission will be 35¢ per person with no special couple price. There is loads of fun in store for everyone, so be sure and come.

Let's suppose that you are a little Mercury atom who has spent the better part of its natural life clinging to a Sodium atom. Sooner or later you are going to realize that you have your own life to live, so what the devil are you hanging onto that Sodium atom for? Maybe it was fun for a while, but the honeymoon is over. After all, a Sodium atom is only a Sodium atom, no matter how friendly it tries to be. If I know my atoms they are all

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## BOOK REPORT RETORTS

Personally, I have always placed "book reports" between African Slobbering fever and typhoid on my list of "Natures Pranks", yet English teachers with kind, if stupid, faces endlessly insist on my critical opinions of everything from "A Brief History Of The Fool-Cue" to the latest Kinsey effort. It is partially to illustrate the sort of thing I have to spend my nights reading and partially to fill the gaping space between the heading and the end of this article that the following book reports are offered.

"The Emperor's Button--Hook" by Paul Rashley Jr., published by Rashley and Son, Mossey Jaw, Vermont, 1938.

On New Years eve, 1129, a young Borgia fell through a poorly constructed roof, killing two Turks outright. Upon leaving the premises the young Borgia (who never gets around to telling what he was doing on that poorly constructed roof. Maybe it had something to do with a bet) finds a detailed plan for setting fire to China in one of his cuffs. From then on he is swept along in the current of international intrigue, going from bad to worse, finally becoming secretary of hash-hish suppression under the present administrations. Just how this horrid situation resolves itself is rather obscure, due to someone's having written "My Telephone Number Is Bogardus 2299, Bob," all over the last two pages, in a fine feminine hand. I would highly recommend this book to anyone who wants to find out who lives at Bogardus 2299.

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EDITORIAL :

University High last night held the most successful Uesta in its history. Uesta, the annual high school carnival held on Halloween, drew a crowd of 500 people and grossed \$650. The crowning of the Queen in the Education Auditorium was witnessed by a standing room only crowd. Everyone enjoyed themselves immensely and many favorable comments were heard afterwards.

Impossible!!!!, or is it?? The Uesta is just about the biggest event in our school year. However, interest in it seems to be dying year after year. Every October there are rumors of no carnival, or no queen, or no variety show, or even no Uesta. However the Ol' Uesta seems to happen, (although more and more the burden's placed on the teachers.) This year we will have the best Uesta ever if all the students get behind and push! There is plenty to do for everyone. The Variety Show, running a booth, construction, business, publicity, (this is very important, the more people that know about it, the more will come) queen committee, the refreshment booth. When the lists for committees and booths come out this year, don't wait until the last minute, decide what you want to do and sign up. But remember, follow through. There can be ten people to sign up for one thing, and it will still fizzle, if they don't get out and work. We want people to say, "Uesta was the most to say the least", instead of "It was the least, to say the most."

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ITTER AND MILLER  
 NEW ENGLISH TEACHERS



Two of the new faculty members: Mr. Miller, left, and Mr. Ritter

Laurels this month are awarded to Mr. Miller, one of our new English teachers. Mr. Miller, taking Miss Pragman's place, teaches the freshman, junior, and senior English classes and in addition instructs a university class. Mr. Miller is completing his Doctor of Education degree this year. Last year he was an assistant to Dr. Drake in the College of Education.

This year, in addition to his classes, he will be acting as senior class sponsor, director of the senior play and sponsor of Tiger Claw.

Mr. Miller attended Drury College in Springfield Missouri and then continued at Springfield teaching high school English for two years, before coming to Columbia,

His other interests, besides teaching, are reading, dramatics, movies and plays. And therefore, because of his active interest in our affairs, we are both proud and fortunate to have Mr. Miller as a member of the faculty.

Another recipient of praise this month is Gene Ritter, the head of our speech and dramatics department. Born in North Kansas City in 1928, he attended North Kansas City High School and worked summers at his father's automotive service.

He received his A. B. at William Jewell in 1950 and was also editor of the William Jewell Student while there. After graduating, he taught speech and English and was director of dramatics at Lathrop Missouri, for two years. At present he is doing graduate work in speech at the University of Missouri.

Of his future: the coming year seems bright for Mr. Ritter and brighter for us for having him. Still in the active Naval Reserve, with his interests in the speech correction field, he says with typical modesty, "The attitude of the students has been most co-operative". Therefore, we feel very lucky to have him as the sponsor and censor of this publication.

This is the first in a series of articles on the new members of our faculty.

\*\*\* WHY NO ADS? \*\*\*

The question has popped up from time to time: "Why aren't there any advertisements in the TIGER TALES?" The answer is quite simple.

First, the University Photo Service, which does all of Tiger Tales printing, has said that because of University affiliations, they cannot print our paper if we put any advertising in it. This is reason enough by itself.

But the most important thing is that we have a school paper that is operated by the money of the Student Council, and therefore no advertising is necessary. Our paper is fine the way it is, and we wouldn't like to see it cluttered up with a lot of "ads".



# SPORTS

## BASKETBALL PROSPECTS AND PREDICTIONS

Yea Cubs! We want a basket! etc.! These and other cheers will soon be heard as the Cub's 53-54 basketball season gets underway. Since the opening of the season isn't far away let's have a look at the U-High prospects for the coming year and also venture a few predictions.

Again this year as last, the critics are saying, "This year the Cubs are nowhere, all their stars have graduated, the golden days are over." But after talking with Coach Forshee my outlook has been somewhat brightened.

We have two returning seasoned players, Jim Hardin, a senior, and Bob Forshee, a junior. These two alternated as fifth man last year. Also returning to the squad is George Peters, another junior, who sparked the "B" team last year and should prove to be a steady two figure scorer at center.

Among the untried aspirants, we have Bud Batterson and Will Johnson. Batterson, a transferee from Hickman, will be ineligible the first semester. However he will be trying for a starting post the second semester, using as his tools, his height (6'2½") and his good eye for the basket.

Johnson, a junior as is Batterson, will be coming out for the first time this year. After losing fifty pounds this summer he'll be battling three returning "B" team players, Tom Brady, Eliot Stadler, and Roger Clark for a starting position.

Although it has not been complete, here is a sample of this year's schedule which promises to be a rough one.

Nov. 6--Alumni--here(tent. date)  
Nov. 10--New Franklin--there  
Nov. 13--Troy--here  
Dec. 15--Fayette--here  
Dec. 17--Madison--there  
Jan. 15--Fulton--here  
Jan. 29--Fayette--there  
Feb. 5--Boonville--here  
Feb. 9--New Franklin--here  
Feb. 12--Fulton--there  
Feb. 16--Glasgow--there

Besides this schedule there will be room for eight more

games. There will be two games with Jamestown and two with Centralia although the dates for these games are still pending. This still leaves room for four more games and it is unsettled about whom they will be with.

In addition to the eighteen regularly scheduled games U-High has accepted invitations to the following tournaments.  
Nov. 23-26--Boonville Tournament  
Dec. 1-5--Glasgow Tournament  
Jan. 20-23--Fulton Tournament

The first game of the season is of course the annual alumni game. We are not predicting the outcome. Although we might state that the Cubs won last year's contest.

The next game is New Franklin which will be a rough one. They still have Snell and some up and coming players from the "B" team which was the best we faced last year.

The game after that is Troy, a team we did not play last year but will probably be a hard team to beat. Some of you will probably remember the Troy coach, Bob Murray, a fine basket-ball player for M. U. and a student coach at U. High.

Now skipping over a few games we come to Madison. They no longer have Lionel Smith, the high school phenomenon, who maintained a twenty-five point plus average during his three year career. However, they still have nine of the first ten of last year remaining. You will recall they were no pushover, even without Smith and remain the big obstacle, along with Shelbina, to the Cubs returning to the State meet.

The last two teams we will talk about will be Centralia and Jamestown, who beat the Cubs on opening night last year 63-30, in overtime. We predict this will not happen again this year. They will have lost two of their stars, and while it won't be like taking candy from babies, they won't be the same team they were last year.

We think Centralia will be the team to watch. They will have a speedy club along with Cox and Mason, who may combine to throw a double post at the opposition.

Although, we say keep watching our own Cubs. We believe they are going places this year and if everybody gets behind them with real spirit, this can't be anything but a grand and glorious year for the Cubs!

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## PLANS MAPPED FOR 53-54 G.A.A.

Last year at the annual G.A.A. Banquet the new officers were elected. They are as follows: President--Louise Hardin, Vice-President--Debby Melton, Secretary--Fran Pitney, Treasurer--has to be elected, and Point Recorder--Sue Dierking.

The G.A.A.'s program will be very much as it was last year. There will be intermurals, parties, and picnics for the girls who want to make points to earn letters and pins. Before the school year ends awards will be presented and new officers will be elected. This year's G.A.A. will be one unit combining 7-12 grades.

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## BUSES TO ALL GAMES, SAYS PEP SQUAD

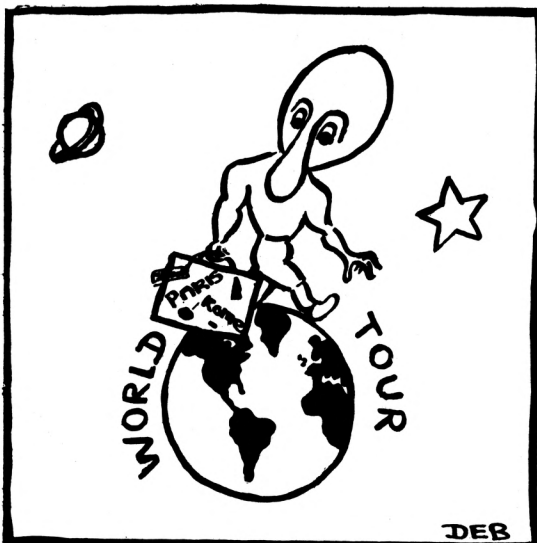
The new officers of the Pep Squad for the 1953-54 school year are as follows: Nancy Hankins, president; Jean Clifford, vice-president; Martha Thomas, secretary; Sue Dierking, treasurer; Ellen Johnson, point recorder.

The Pep Squad is planning for this year to take a bus to all of the out of town basketball games. Uniforms will be required at every basketball game, whether in or out of town. Points will be given to the girls who wear uniforms when required, attend meetings, help with any money making projects the Pep Squad may have, and assisting when asked to help with a pep assembly. Awards will be given at the end of the year to the girls with the most points.

Megaphones are being ordered for people who want them, both members and the students. A cheerleaders book is also being ordered which has new yells, stunts, and ideas for pep assemblies.

With the help of Mrs. Gilbert, we hope to make this a successful year for Pep Squad.

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Snoop, dragging from Little Blue Riding Hood's Joint, approaches New York City. As he is riding up the escalator to the top of the Empire State Building (it's getting deep downstairs) he notices Brian matching Bob for Joy in the bottle. He arrives at the top just to late to see Judy Benninger jump into Art Tarwater's arms. Whew! Then he looks through the telescope and sees Bob M. sliding towards the plate for the East Side Sluggers where Peggy is holding a piece of Molsum bread. Snoop falls off the side from sheer exhaustion, to land in Ellen Johnson's water bucket--which she is carrying for the M.U. football team for a kiss a gulp. Now he's all wet as people never are when they take showers in gym. Speaking of Jim, what are all the girls eyes on in the 9:00 gym class? (for information ask Sylvia and Kathy).

As Snoop walks into the U-High lounge, he spys: Donnie and Ann playing (?). Morman and Fuecky playing gin, as they are being prompted by several girls (Debby, Vickie Mayhew, Gracie, Joy G. and Sue) Snoop is wondering who is the girl with the heads and arm who's giving Roger the brush (Fuller Brush Woman---maybe?) A puppet show is the main attraction in the lounge as Snoop hears Mary Kay and Tommy A singing "No Strings Attached". Glancing out the window, Snoop sees Jo Ann boarding a Boonville Bus to visit her long lost lover. (Danny, by any chance--Ed.)

A few seconds later in California, George and Norma Nell (mail carriers) deliver a handbill to Snoop, inviting him to the basket-BALL. Arriving at the court he sees some of his old Comrades: Nancy Decker is with her all admiring Stewart Taylor from Hollywood. Nancy and Kit are doing the Hokey Pokey while Jeanie Schleuter still craves on for K. R.; Debby and David are waltzing; a Lubber is seen with Genny B.; Kathy and Tom are

doing the bunny hop while Sylvia and her secret admirer are watching; Neil Ewing has the reverse hammer lock on John Hansen in his struggle for Suellen; and Patte P. is dreaming about Hugh T.

Snoop is disgusted over the Mass Race Riot, so he leaves the Ball. As he walks out into the dull, depressing alley, he sees a flashing billboard which catches his eye. The billboard is advertising "Brod's" new picture, which co-stars Marilyn Monroe. It is about a man who is lynched during a thunderstorm ---"Swinging In the Rain"

Snoop, who is tired of his nation wide travels trudged back to the unenlightening hangout of Little Blue Riding Hood.

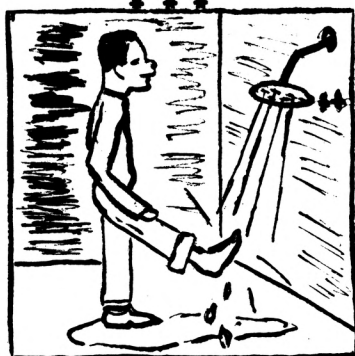
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## Student Council Notes

On Monday, the 20th of September, the first Student Council meeting of the first semester was held. Everyone was present of course and President Reid kept things moving at a goodly clip. Several results were obtained.

First, secondary officers were elected as follows: vice president, Will Johnson; secretary, Nancy Hankins and; Sgt. at arms, Eliot Stadler. Next the Chair appointed the usual standing committees. The assembly committee is headed by Eliot Stadler, who is assisted by Khaki Lang and Eddie Smith. They will be in charge of getting assemblies for the coming year. Sue Dierking was appointed head of publicity, with Scott Orr and Joanie Stadler as assistants. The intermurals this year will be organized by Will Johnson, as chairman, Judy Benninger and Steve Reid. And lastly, Nancy Hankins is in charge of the school activities of the Student Council. Peggy Krause and Peter Bretz will help her.

In addition to this, tentative plans were laid out and a motion was passed that anyone wishing to serve on a committee has simply to contact the chairman of same!! On this note the meeting adjourned.



Showers!

## Book Report Retorts (Contd.)

"10,000 Ways To Roll A Hoop" by Mr. C. K. Weemish, Ph. D., L.L.D. etc., author of "When I Was A Girl In Old Mexico." Do you know how to: write a will that will leave your executors in stitches? Sew your own straight-jacket? Make a compact with the devil?

These and any number of fascinating facts are to be found in this "How To Do It" companion oook of the authors famous "Paranoifd For Every Man."

"A Plague On My Passion" by R. Winsome, author of "My Indian Boyhood."

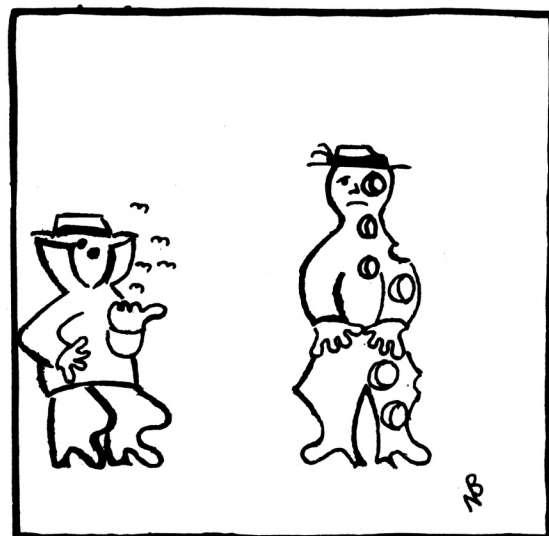
"A Plague On My Passion" is a civil war tale--a cry of agony wrenched from the heart of an old Negro slave who finds his seat on the Uptown bus taken. It is midnight in the camp of General Huey (swamp snake) Long. An aged Sweedish gun--runner, Lars (hoglegs) Johnson, is searching frantically for his pants. A young river boat gambler, Sam (rural route k) Wickson, is disguised as a white Russian. Boris (hare--lip) Klopnick, is teaching his sweetheart, Jenny (carbon bisulplide) Dove, how to smoke a pipe. Someone calls for hot water and around 11 o'clock a Nation Is Born.

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Is Chemistry (con't)

going to get sick of each other in a little while and start going back to mother. Then everything will just fall apart. May be that has begun to happen already.

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He's half shot.

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