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Folk Singers Glen Lonsdale and Gale Peterson entertain at the debut of the Purple Onion, Saturday, December 5.

150 Attend Opening Night

Purple Onion Debut Huge Success

The Purple Onion started its first season here on December 5 with an opening night crowd of over 150.

The lounge was decorated as a European bistro, complete with checkered tablecloths, candles, and with travel posters lining the walls.

The first act of the evening was what was announced as a serious reading by Larry Timpe. Instead, it was actually a comic monologue. Some of the biggest laughs during the act were gained by remarks from the audience.

Timpe was followed by folk-singer-guitarist Jay Gersten, who sang a collection of little-known, but highly unusual and likeable folk numbers. Gersten has a wonderful ability for changing the whole quality and tone of his voice, as he slips from a rousing folk tune to a simple ballad.

Duo big hit

Next to be announced, was Glen Lonsdale, a talented guitarist, harmonica player, and folk singer. Throughout his numbers, he would switch from singing to playing the harmonica in accompaniment of his own guitar playing. After his first few numbers, he was joined by his partner, Gail Peterson. After their first song together, Miss Peterson sang, at the request of a member of the audience, a beautiful song called "Copper Kettle." One of the most well received numbers of the evening was a ballad "Marianne" which they sang together.

Joking jam session

The final performance of the evening brought together Bill Price, another folk singer-guitarist; Jack Droesch, folk singer-guitarist; Glen Lonsdale; and John Brock, drummer. The four of them improvised in a kind of folk jam session. The resulting spontaneity pleased the audience who reacted by joining in on the singing with enthusiasm. Quite a bit of improvising and joking back and forth with the audience, took place on the part of the drummer, John Brock.

If the large number of students and their enthusiastic reception of the first Purple Onion is any indication, the future of the Purple Onion on the St. Louis campus is very bright.

Plan Breakfast

Spanish Group Plans Activities

Strawberry crepe suzettes and hamburgers replaced tortillas at a recent Spanish club meeting. Fifteen Spanish students, Spanish teacher Mrs. C.J. Crawley, and sociology teacher Mrs. T.O. Mathes met before Thanksgiving for a luncheon at the Pancake House. Conversing in both Spanish and English, the group planned their next meeting which was held last Thursday.

Spanish students gathered December 10 at the home of Dr. Crawley, 7345 Lynn, for a program organized by officers Wilson Miller and Sandra Waalkes. The group brought their own sandwiches and the rest of the food was supplied at the house. This time the luncheon featured singing with Wilson Miller's guitar and a travelogue of Latin American countries given by Dr. Crawley.

To celebrate the coming Christmas vacation, a friendship breakfast will be sponsored by the Spanish club in the cafeteria. The students will meet Wednesday, December 16, at 7:30 a.m. for a short get-together.

SA Celebrates Holiday With Party For Children

A Christmas party for deserving youngsters will be held here on December 23, from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. by the Student Association.

A Christmas party for underprivileged children will be held here by the Student Association on December 23, from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.

The party, which is an annual affair, is given for children in the Normandy school district.

Marsha McMahan, social chairman of the SA, is in charge of preparations for the event, which will include among other things, the appearance of Santa Claus who will distribute gifts that are either donated or bought by the SA.

After caroling and Santa Claus' visit, the children will be served refreshments provided by Sealtest and Quality dairies.

The children are accompanied to the party by two members of the Senate who pick up children from one family, take them to the party, and deliver them to their home when the party is ended.

The Normandy school district supplies the Student Association with the names of children whom they think are deserving of participation in the Christmas party. The SA then writes letters to the parents, asking if their children may attend.

According to Dave Zerrer, president of the SA, the party is one of the more important events sponsored by the Student Association.

Newman Group Anticipates Holiday

The Newman club is going to go Christmas caroling in the suburb of Bel-Nor on December 24, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The purpose of the caroling is to raise money for underprivileged children of all faiths.

Carolers from the Newman club will be only a small part of the hundreds of groups and individuals that carol yearly at Christmas time under the auspices of the St. Louis Christmas Caroler's Association.

Christmas Dance Planned By SA

The annual Student Association Christmas dance is set for Friday, December 18. The festivities will take place on campus in room 108, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Music will be provided by Cliff Frederiksen and The Downbeats.

"Winter Wonderland," chosen by Marsha McMahan, chairman of the Student Association Social Committee, is to be the theme. Ron Boden is in charge of decorations and refreshments will be served.

A semi-formal affair, girls are to wear cocktail dresses; boys are to wear dark suits with ties. The tickets are available at \$1.50 a couple.

Campus Leaders Hold Conference

A Campus Leadership Conference was sponsored by the Student Association to discuss campus problems, to find out what one organization can do to aid others, to discuss the possibility of joint action to foster more student participation in campus life, and to see what new programs for students can be initiated.

Dave Zerrer, president of the SA, led the conference. Elaine Stamm, vice-president, organized the plans for the day.



John Brock, drummer, flips his sticks while Bill Price, guitarist, looks on dubiously. Partially pictured is Jack Droesch, third member of the trio.

The Inside Story

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Is It Fair?

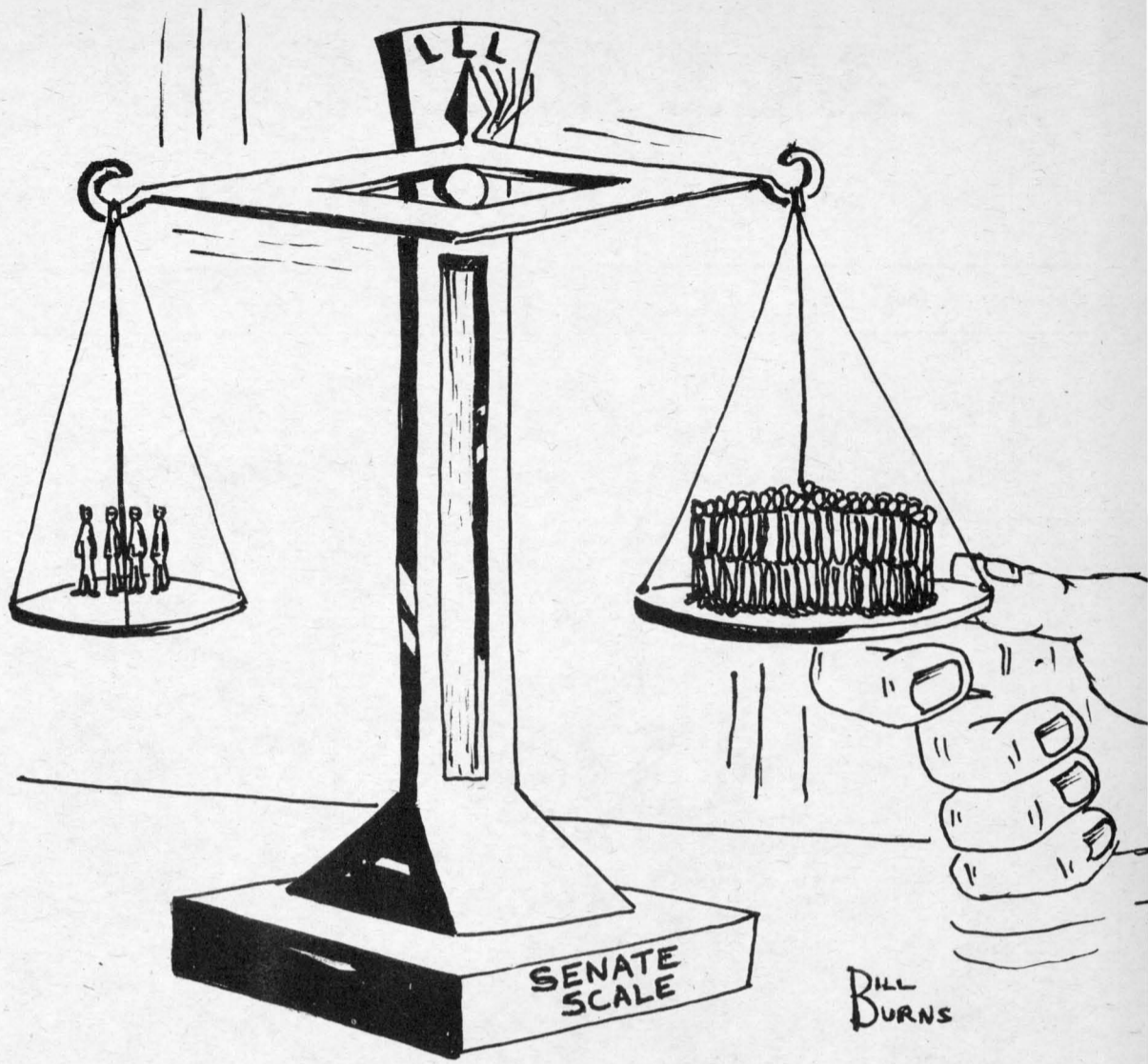
By looking at recent Senate appointments one might begin to get the impression that Sophomores are more equal than Freshman at the University of Missouri at St. Louis.

There are now, by reason of five recent appointments, a total of 17 Sophomore senators. There are also 17 Freshman senators. One might question, at seeing this information, the validity of the statement that Sophomores are "more equal" than Freshman here. Seventeen and seventeen seems fair. But is it? It might be fair if the number of students in each class was the same—but they're not. There are 649 Freshmen, but only 341 Sophomores, enrolled here. Either approximately half the Freshman class is not represented, or the Sophomores are each being represented twice, as a result of the Senate's interpretation of "proportionate representation" as stated in the constitution.

According to a Senate ruling made last year, representation in the Senate should be 3 per cent of the Student Body, to be divided equally among the Freshman and Sophomore classes. The constitution says that each class should receive a "proportionate" representation. "Equal" is not the same as "proportionate."

Representatives of the Senate and the Student Court have said in effect to protesting students, that students at this university are just going to have to live with this interpretation of "proportionate representation" until the Spring semester, when the Senate will review representation again.

But is it necessary to wait until next spring for the correction of an obvious error in interpretation? Is it not the duty of the Court to interpret and protect the meaning of the constitution? Why can't the Court review Senate apportionment now? Why prolong an error?



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Question: Do you think Christmas has become too commercialized?
 Asked: In the cafeteria.

Delores Binion, Freshman. "Yes, I think so. It is the one big time of the year for department stores. They hire so much help, it just seems to be too much emphasis on presents -- people forget the real meaning of the Christmas season."



Katherine Kinard, Unclassified. "Only to a degree. I think gifts are needed as well as emphasis on the family, feasting, and religion to focus the festivity of Christmas. The commercial world has to make suggestions, although some advertising can be objectionable. I particularly think of some kinds of religious music used as a background for commerce which I think is in bad taste. But overall, even with frayed nerves on all sides, the Christmas spirit is unique even in stores."

Charles Marvin, Freshman. "Pretty much so. A lot of its genuine quality has been lost. I don't think the stores are all to blame since they are catering to the public. People are influenced too much by gaudy display and except in very few families Christmas has lost its meaning. Christmas seems to mean more to lower income groups. Also, it seems to mean more to European immigrants. I have some Polish relatives who seem to keep Christmas in a simple, but very sincere way."



Michael Vito, Freshman. "Seems that way. Profit-making seems to be the motive for huge volume sales and massive advertising campaigns in the newspapers and on TV. People feel like they have to buy. They have no sales resistance and just follow the crowd. Christmas now is a time to get together to exchange presents. It could be any similar occasion."

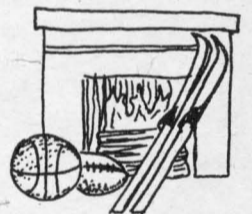


Carol Biando, Sophomore. "Definitely. I work at Stix, Baer & Fuller, River Roads, and it makes me sick. Even before Thanksgiving all the Christmas decorations were up and Santa Claus was set up in the Mall. I think having Santa Claus so early so that children see him in every super market, service station, and shopping center ruins it for them. Its too much hokum for even a child to swallow. The religious aspect has been obscured, but people will spend a fortune every Christmas, regardless. Mere buying makes church-going more and more obsolete."



should at least wait until after Thanksgiving. People make too much of a point of gifts. They look down on hand-crafted gifts, and only want expensive and showy ones that impress. It's no longer the thought that counts, but the gift."

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Meet the Prof: the Babcocks

by Jeanne Evans

Did you know that an electron microscope is available today that can magnify a pea to the proportions of the Empire State Building?

Or that when shipped by either Dutch or Japanese manufacturers it requires 26 packing cases, costs a mere \$25,000 and requires a full-time technician to operate it?

Neither did I before talking with Dr. and Mrs. George Babcock, who impart such fascinating bits of scientifica with high enthusiasm.

A scientific couple in the tradition of Pierre and Marie Curie, a conversation with the new faculty duo reveals both their devotion to each other and their dedication to science.

The first part of his Research Fellowship at the university was spent in studying the lens development of embryonic South African clawed frogs. These frogs are particularly good for such observation and while they are imported regularly and are readily available, they cost \$25.00 apiece. The second part of his time there was spent studying the ovary in yellow fever mosquitoes.

Mrs. Babcock has completed all requirements for her doctoral degree except for the writing of her dissertation on the development of the reproductive system of the fruit fly, *Drosophila*. She had expected to have completed it by this Christmas, but teaching and furnishing a home in Creve Coeur have not allowed time for further research.

was due for a tour of inspection by Dr. Diedrich Dodenstein, the professor under whom she was conducting her graduate research and for whom the new building was a special source of pride. A mad scramble for painters to cover up the damage was successful amid a sigh of relief all around.

Exact in their laboratory techniques, Dr. and Mrs. Babcock like to run a "tight lab" and insist that all glassware used be sparklingly clean in order to

maintain control in experiments. With typical enthusiasm, they spent their first day on campus washing all the equipment in the laboratory, cleaning out cabinets, making a survey of all the slides, and applying a coat of fresh black paint to the lab tables.

Asked if they would recommend other science-minded students to form "scientific couples" for teaching and/or research they responded with a whole-hearted "Yes!" In fact, neither one could think of a single disadvantage except to note that each assumed the other had heard all the current information being circulated on campus when such was not always the case. Their familiar complaint to each other is "You never tell me anything!" On the plus side, however, they find that working together merely reinforces their interest in science and serves to widen a field of common interest.

They discussed the intellectual climate they have found here at the University of Mo. and at St. Louis not only among their scientific colleagues but also the faculty administration. They describe it as "a meeting of minds, a shared philosophy of how science should be taught that we find very stimulating and encouraging."



Dr. and Mrs. Babcock.

Another topic they like to recall are the graduate school days they shared exploring the field of experimental embryology. Both were on fellowships and met on the campus of the University of Virginia at Charlottesville in 1959. Having just arrived from Johns Hopkins University, Dr. Babcock was attracted to a white coated co-ed absorbed in her experiments in a corner of the laboratory as he was being shown around the campus. He quickly decided one of the things he liked most about the South was the Northern (in her case, Chicago) girls studying there.

They both laugh when they recall another home, a small cottage by a lake in an idyllic wooded setting whose previous occupants had been two chimpanzees. A member of the University of Virginia faculty had built the cottage to house the chimps for observation. He later decided, however, that humans not only made better tenants, but also paid rent and so staged an eviction that the Babcocks took advantage of.

Another incident, hilarious only in retrospect, occurred when Muriel Babcock accidentally sprayed the wall of a brand-new science building with vivid red stain. This lab

Deadly Drink

'Arsenic and Old Lace' Create Hilarious Potion of Fun and Murder

ARSENIC AND OLD LACE

by Joseph Kesselring
Edited by John Gassner

Arsenic and Old Lace was first presented before an audience on January 10, 1941. It was a smash hit for 1,437 performances on the Broadway stage. Originally intended as a serious melodrama, the world saw Arsenic and Old Lace as a farce about two sweet old ladies and their "punchant for relieving people of the burdens of this world."

The theme of the play seems to be the old adage that a person can't judge a book by its cover, with particular reference to people. The characters created by the playwright are unique. The mild, old maid Brewster sisters, Abby and Martha, appear to the Brooklyn community as pillars of society.

The local police drop in on them for cosy comfort at all hours of the day or night. The Reverend Doctor Harper, rector of the Episcopal church next door, likens them to the virtues of another day—those that went out with candlelight, good manners and low taxes.

Actually, they are governed by humanitarian motives in their sweetly, homicidal mania. They welcome lonely, friendless and homeless old men and then ply them with spiked elderberry wine!

Insanity not only runs in the Brewster family, comments editor Gassner, it gallops. Of the three Brewster nephews, the only one who seems to have any vestiges of sanity, is Mortimer, a drama critic.

Teddy, Theodore Roosevelt, Brewster is a harmless megalomaniac, while Jonathan is a more direct homicidal maniac. The latter is easily infuriated at the mention of his resemblance to Boris Karloff: after having seen a horror movie starring Boris Karloff, Jonathan's personal plastic surgeon, Dr. Einstein, under the influence of liquor, created or rather recreated the face he had seen.

The policemen are even wacky. Officer O'Hara, an amateur playwright, shows no amazement when he bursts in on Jonathan, Mortimer and Dr. Einstein to find Mortimer trussed up with curtain sash. He, Officer O'Hara, forgets his mission of warning against Teddy's bugle blowing, to take advantage of the situation and tell Mortimer the plot of his play. The lieutenant is a cynical flatfoot. All are a high source of amusement.

Mortimer is the protagonist besieged on two sides; the antagonists are the aunts and the gruesome-tuosome, Dr. Einstein and Jonathan. The initial incident occurs when Mortimer discovers the body of one Mr. Hoskins in the window seat. All action occurring prior to this serves as an exposition.

From the time Mortimer discovers the body, the action begins to gather momentum like a stone rolling downhill. The climax comes with the appearance of Lieutenant Rooney and officers Brophy and Klein who are searching for the delinquent O'Hara. The lieutenant recognizes Jonathan as an escapee from prison for the Criminal insane.

Action taking place in the denouement ties up all loose ends. Jonathan is carted off to the prison asylum; Dr. Einstein signs the commitment papers for Teddy and the aunts; Mortimer learns he can marry Elaine, the Reverend's daughter, because he isn't really a Brewster, and the playwright introduces a new and brief character, Mr. Witherspoon.

Mr. Witherspoon is the superintendent of the rest home. The stage directions have the curtain lowering on Aunt Abby and Aunt Martha serving Mr. Witherspoon a glass of elderberry wine. The same elderberry wine that had a teaspoonful of arsenic, one half a teaspoon of strychnine and a dash of cyanide in it; the same elderberry wine they had served to twelve other gentleman.

These twelve others were buried in the lochs of the Panama Canal (in the cellar of the Brewster home) as Yellow Fever victims.

The play is written in a realistic manner but is so full of hilarity that is difficult to classify it to one style of drama. It can be strongly recommended for diversion and pure enjoyment, as this genial pair of lethal spinsters will capture the hearts of any reader.

Carolee Coombs Makes Second Appearance at Concert Series

Carolee Coombs will perform in concert with pianist Evelyn Mitchell on December 18.

This will be Miss Coombs second visit to the Concert Series. She performed a solo recital last year for the concert program. She has sung leading roles with the Opera Theatre of St. Louis, the August Opera Festival, and the

Washington University Workshop. Miss Coombs has also appeared as a soloist with the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra and the New Music Circle.

She has studied under Boris Goldovsky and Harold Blumenfeld. During 196 Miss Coombs was a Fullbright scholar at the Rome Opera House.



A small part of the crowd enjoying the Purple Onion.

CAPRICE

A spectre in spectacles
A pachyderm did imbue
With fancies of position
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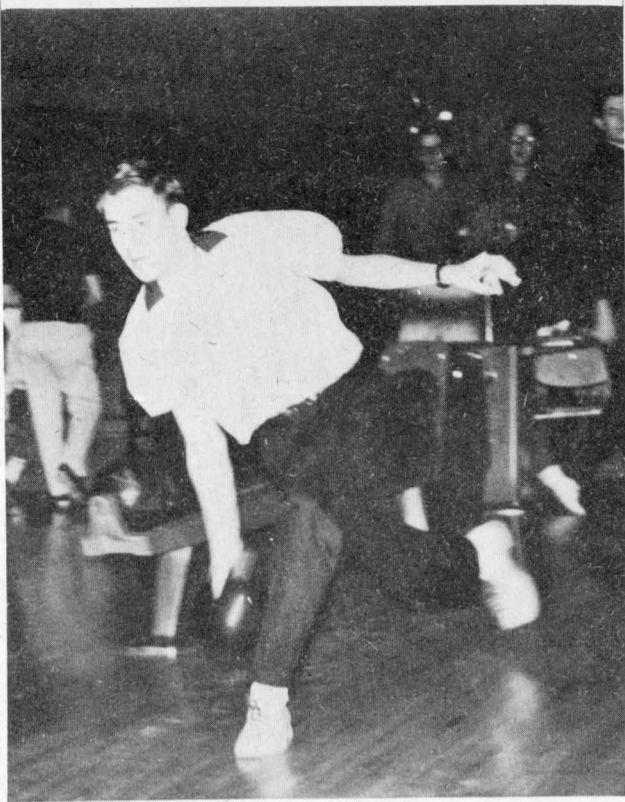
Now 4 1/2 Out

Keglers Drop to Seventh

After a disappointing showing last week the bowling team dropped into seventh place in the fourteen team collegiate league. The keggers lost to a determined St. Louis Baptist team by less than twenty pins. The quintet of bowlers is now 4 1/2 games out of first place with almost twenty games yet to bowl.

The team scoring is led by Bob Wollenberg with a 182 average for 15 games. Rich Wollenberg is second in scoring with a 172 average. Brian Bass with a 162, Captain Brian Bollier with a 151 and Dennis Hathaway with a 150 round out for the scorers.

Next Saturday the bowlers will meet Meremac College at 10 a.m. at the Arena Bowl.



Bollier Pounds Pins

photo by Stueber

Grapplers Seek AAU Title

The St. Louis Campus wrestling team has announced that it will take part in the Ozark A.A.U. wrestling Tournament this season. Coach Ellis' matmen will compete against the best wrestlers in the mid-west to try to bring the A.A.U. team trophy to the St. Louis Campus.

The tournament, which will be held in the Ritenour High School Gymnasium, will present by far the toughest challenge face the grapplers this year. In addition to SIU and Mizzou, Columbia, there will be wrestlers from the A.A.U. teams and Y.M.C.A. teams in the area. Among last years winners

in this tourney was Dick Kristoff who this year competed in the Tokyo Olympics for the United States.

The meet will be held in late March this year, after the completion of the regular season's meets. Jim Dillow, 191 pounder on the team, said "We can't promise to win this meet but every boy who steps on the mat for the St. Louis Campus will do his very best to represent our school in a manner that would make every member of the student body proud."

Mizzou News Gives Award

Best Athlete to be Chosen

The winner of the Athlete of the Year Award will be chosen by a committee consisting of coach Bob Meyers of the basketball team, coach Dave Ellis of the wrestling team, a representative of the Mizzou News staff and cheerleaders.

The Mizzou News this year will present the first annual Athlete of the Year Award. This medal will be presented to the boy who best exemplifies the qualities of the ideal athlete. The contenders for

Trounce Pharmacist 89-75

Cagers Drop Opener to St. Louis Baptist

The St. Louis Campus roundballers lost the season's opener to St. Louis Baptist College on the winners' court December third. The Baptist College cagers got off to a fast start with their big center Mike Rapperdin pouring in 11 points in the first quarter and going on to score 36 points in the game.

The Tigers fought back with Co-captain Dave Wilson sinking 19 points and forward Ron Clark adding 12. But the Tigers were just outplayed that night, the final score being 95-75 favor of St. Louis Baptist.

The Cagers redeemed themselves by trouncing the St. Louis College of Pharmacy by a score of 89-75. The Tigers took an early lead and never gave it up. Dave Wilson was high point man for the cagers with twenty-three points. But the heroes of the game were a pair of brothers by the name of Clark. Ron and Gary Clark, both forwards, seemed to be everywhere on the court. They scored,

rebounded, and defended with a daring that brought the crowd to its feet more than once. Between the two they scored thirty-one points and grabbed twenty-seven rebounds.

This Wednesday the team will meet Logan College on the Normandy Jr. High court. The cagers expect the Chiropractors will give them trouble, but the roundballers with their high-scoring offense, are favored to win this one.

Washington U. JV will be the opponent this Saturday on the Bears home court. Game time is 6 p.m. preceding the Washington U. varsity game at 8 o'clock.

Ramblin'

with Charlie Chamberlin

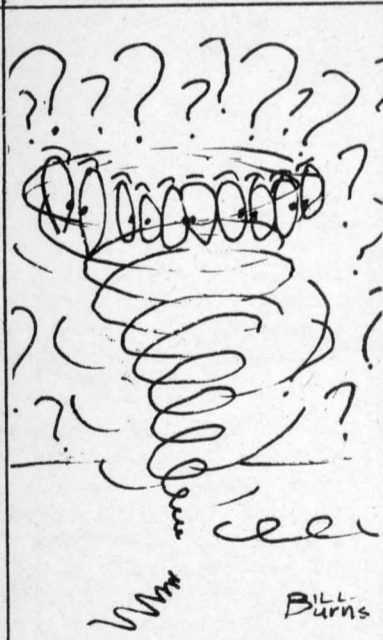
Hi Gang!

FLASH---a green Volkswagen license number WA 2-729 has been lost in a chuckhole at the north end of the parking lot. Anyone seeing this auto should report it to the office immediately.... The Christmas Dance will be held on Friday the 18th in the spacious M.U. St. L. C. ballroom (that's room 108). It's semi-formal, you'll be sorry if you don't come . . .

Hats off to Dean Bolling of the night school he has done a great job in his few weeks here on campus . . . RIDDLE: If you take an acre of ground and each three feet you dig a hole 6 inches deep and a foot square what have you got. A. The parking lot.... The elections for executive offices is coming up sooner than you think so be sure to be thinking of who you want to be the leaders of YOUR student government....

This week the athlete of the week award goes to Tom (Always dribble before you shoot) Thoele who set a new team record for consecutive dribbles -- He bounced the ball 103 times before shooting (he missed) Good show Tom . . . Did you know that Student Association funds purchased all the furniture in the north half of the cafeteria? It did..... Well I can see by the old clock on the dashboard (ever try to type in a car?) that it is time to go, so until next time hide your twid, gang.

THE (swinglepluck) CAMPUS ZOO! by Glomstog HOPSCOTCH



PUPILUS REGISTERUS
Habitat:
This confused creature is found whirling crazily throughout the campus during Second Semester Registration Week.



KRIS JINGLE
Name derived from money pouring into cash register.
Habitat: Everywhere, unfortunately.



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