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Seniors To Give 'Bachelor and Bobby-Soxer' March 13-14



PROGNOSTICATING THE OVERWHELMING SUCCESS of the BACHELOR and the BOBBY-SOXER are (Seated L to R) Skip Chandler, Earl Murton, Connie Potts, Sally Bryden, Bill Swope, Carole Folatko, and Rick Holley, (Standing) Kathy Stanley, Pat Hodge, and Bill Henry.

Juniors Will Take National Merit Test To Qualify for \$3 Million in Scholarships

Juniors will take the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test this Sat., March 14. The test will last three

Honor Society Adds Six Members

Six new members of the Rocky River National Honor Society were named on Wed. March 4 by Mr. Arthur Bennett, principal. They include two juniors and four seniors.

In the morning announcements, Mr. Bennett stated, "The criterion used for years has been found to be invalid.

"Previously, it was necessary for at least ten teachers to ballot for a student to be considered. Because of the large turnover in our faculty, these eligible students were not given the proper consideration.

"Therefore, after a complete re-evaluation, we are proud to announce these six new students as full-fledged members of the National Honor Society."



Richard Brownfield
Constance Demmon
Nancy Guthery
Bob Neibaum
Barbara Waters
Sherry Watts

hours. It was prepared by Science Research Associates to test the educational development of a student in five areas--English, Mathematics, and Word Usage (and Social Studies and Natural Sciences Reading.

This year an estimated \$3.6 million worth of scholarships will be given by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) and sponsors.

About 14,000 top-scoring students will be named Semifinalists in Sept. In each state the number of Semifinalists will be less than 1 per cent of the graduating high school seniors in that state.

Their names will be listed in a booklet which is sent to colleges, universities, scholarship agencies, and the colleges of their choice.

Letters of Commendation will be given to about 35,000 other students in October. These names will also be sent to the colleges of their choice.

Finalists are selected from the Semifinalists. They must meet four requirements--endorsement by their schools, an equivalent performance on a second test, submission of a biographical form, and provision of confidential family financial information.

The number of Semifinalists who attain Finalist status has never fallen below 97 per cent.

Merit Scholars are chosen from the Finalists. A public announcement of Merit Schol-

arship winners will be made in late April or early May.

Scholarships are based on individual financial need. The minimum is \$100 a year, and the maximum is \$1500 a year. Sponsored scholarships may provide a larger amount.

Although most students taking the test will not receive any recognition, their participation will be a meaningful and helpful educational experience.

Mayor Announces AFS Day March 17

Mayor Norman Schwenk of Rocky River has proclaimed March 17 as the second annual American Field Service Day. Highlighting the day will be an assembly including reading of the proclamation by Mayor Schwenk and speeches by Helen Bahnsen and Tony Corti about their respective countries.

Mayor Schwenk has also written letters to the mayors of Helen and Tony's towns, Adelaide, Australia and Lecco, Italy respectively.

After school a reception honoring Helen and Tony will be given for the faculty by the AFS student committee.

During the week the committee, headed by Ruth Rutzen, will send a representative to each homeroom to explain the finances of the committee. This is due to recent misunderstandings about the use of money received from Penny Wednesdays.

The curtain rises on "The Bachelor and the Bobby Soxer" at 8 p. m. March 13-14 in the RRHS auditorium.

Teen-ager Susan Turner becomes infatuated with an artist, Richard Nugent, who speaks at her school. Nugent, however, is being tried for brawling in a night club by Judge Margaret Turner, Susan's sister. This triangle results in many humorous incidents.

All seniors are selling tickets. Student tickets are 50 cents and adult tickets are \$1. All seats are reserved. Chris Celebrezze, business man-

er, and his committee are busy everyday filling ticket orders.

Daily practices from 3:30 to 5:30 will be concluded with the dress rehearsal tomorrow and Thursday nights. The actors' costumes, props, and lighting must be coordinated for the finished production.

Several lead parts are being double-cast for this year's senior play. One set will perform Friday whereas the other will perform Saturday.

"Rehearsing this play has been a lot of fun for all the cast," said Rick Holley, Thespian President. "I know the audience will enjoy it as much as we have."

Student Council Constitution To Be Revised, Amended

Are you one of the many students who complain about the rules and regulations governing the student body? Well if you are, now is your chance to change these rules.

The Constitution of the Student Council of Rocky River High School is being read by homeroom representatives during homeroom period. Class discussions are to be held each day.

"Student Council is attempting to fulfill the desires of the students," stated Sue Stevens, member-at-large. "It is the duty of each student to see that his homeroom representative reads and discusses the Constitution."

Additions and corrections of the Constitution are urged. Tell your ideas to your homeroom representative who will bring them up at the next Council meeting.

The ideas now being discussed are part of a general

plan to make you more a part of your school.

Student Council President, Tom Allen, summed up the general feeling of Council. "Student Council is our own government. Let's make it a government of the students, by the students and for the students of RRHS."

River Currents

- March 10 - Career Night Winter Sports Assembly
- March 11 - Report Cards
- March 12 - Humanities Seminar Sr. Friendship Potluck
- March 13 - Senior Class Play 14
- March 20 - Rotary Speech Assembly
- March 23 - Spring Vacation 30
- March 31 - School Reopens

It costs \$700 for a community to sponsor each foreign student, and \$700-\$750 to send an American abroad. In addition to this the school and community have related expenses for activities of the foreign student for his year here.

The purpose of AFS Day is to acquaint the community with the exchange students and other

AFS activities.

As Mayor Schwenk said, "The hope of our nations rest upon the genuine understanding and active good will instilled in young people."

Helen and Tony are now available to speak at school club meetings or public organizations.



MAYOR SCHWENK signs AFS Day Proclamation as (l to r) Margie, Seelbach, Tony Corti, and Helen Bahnsen look on.

Don't Grub for Grades; Knowledge Is the Goal

Americans are often accused of placing too much emphasis on material objects at the expense of spiritual and intellectual values. The American god is supposedly the "Almighty Buck" and the favorite American pastime is "keeping up with the Joneses". But materialism is not an adult monopoly. The school-age counterpart of the adult status-seeker is the "grade grubber"

This breed of students is easily recognizable by its willingness to do anything for a grade--a willingness that is dangerous when it extends to molding oneself to the demands and personality of a teacher, rather than developing along individual lines that cannot be fully explored in the classroom.

Realizing that good grades too often equal admission to a good college which in turn supposedly insures a good job and high pay, the student comes to the conclusion that only the grade is important.

If this is true, then the American school system is largely at fault. Our system of education too often slights superior individual achievement in a specific field in favor of the "well-rounded" student. One must preferably be moderately talented in all fields rather than master of one. Therefore, it becomes essential for the above-average student not merely to be excellent, but to be excellent in all things.

This, then, is what necessitates "grade-grubbing". No student can be naturally outstanding in everything, but rather than concentrating on developing his special talent, he must machinate for A's in everything.

Academic excellence should always be encouraged. But can a student dedicate himself to truly mastering every subject? I do not think it can be done, or that it is desirable.

Learning should not stop at the end of high school or college, neither should it be confined to the classroom. Education is only a guide to the recognition and development of individual excellence. It is not an end in itself.

Riverlet To Be Orange, Black, and Upside-down?

This year marks an all-time deficiency of student respect and support for the Riverlet and its staff. This conspicuous lack of faith in the ability of the staff does not by any means facilitate the responsibilities of publishing a worthwhile annual.

The yearbook staff is not selected to barometer the whim of the student body. Rather, its job is to perpetuate the aims, ideals, and countenance of Rocky River High School, in the best way possible.

The many phases of high school life are divided into sections, each headed by a competent student. The sections highlight the faculty, underclassmen, activities, services, sports, and most important, the seniors. Each division editor is solely responsible for the layouts, copy, candid, and revisions of his section. The yearbook editor coordinates the material, is responsible for meeting deadlines, and plans the introduction and theme. A business manager is in charge of soliciting advertising, paying bills, and promoting Riverlet sales.

Did you know that our orange and black yearbook has an upside-down cover, and will be dedicated to the Beatles? These are hyperbolic examples of the misguided rumors which have been circulating predominately throughout the senior class, unjustifiably enraging many students.

No matter what decisions are made concerning the Riverlet, not everyone will be pleased. Mob pressure will never cause any favorable effects on the ultimate actions which influence the decisions of the staff. Therefore, please remember that the editors are putting forth every possible effort to produce the best yearbook possible.

The Flick Pentagon Seizes U.S. Government In New Movie

Military take-over has occurred in many of the global areas during this past decade. Have you ever placed the United States in this category?

A seizure of the American government by military occupation is the intriguing force which dominates the movie, *Seven Days in May*. This rumble occurs after a defense security pact between the U.S. and the Soviet Union has been signed.

President Lyman, played by Fredrick March, is the liberal unpopular executive. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Burt Lancaster, disagrees violently over the action needed to keep America on top.

The movie's plot is woven between these characters and the other outstanding players--Kirk Douglas and Ava Gardner.

Book worms state:

Kathy Riley (Jr.) "In the original novel, the President is presented with human traits. Yet, because Colonel Scott is so mentally alert, it would seem that he would be a better President. With these conflicting attitudes it was hard to put the book down until it is finished."

Mary Dittoe (Jr.) "The President possessed human traits, for when he was faced with such a calamity, he showed uncertainty and didn't know what to do. Although such a plot was handled realistically, it seemed impossible for such a thing to happen."

Movie viewers express:

Mary Ann Quarles (Frosh) "Seven Days in May was frighteningly realistic. The subject of profanity was handled well, for you felt that this is what would be said at those situations."

Barb Butt (Jr.) "Although the movie seemed realistic it seemed that the American people had little faith in their President and the constitution. The plot was excellent, but it was not too evident at the beginning. People who have read the book would enjoy the movie more."

Seven Days in May emphasizes that the enemy of this world today is the nuclear age--the bomb. With a bomb's potential destruction, democracy and a constitutional form of government may easily be upset.

Yet, director John Frankheimer has been able to create suspense and mystery throughout the movie without upsetting the goal--the survival of North America.

The Beachcomber: Beatles Admired and Scorned

by Jon Formanek

"On what basis do you believe the Beatles can base their popularity?" This was The Beachcomber query for this issue. Unfortunately those students interviewed would offer only the names of John, George, Paul, and Ringo.

Of all the questionable responses, we have chosen those most representative of common opinion.

THE JEALOUS CREW CUT TYPE: It's their hair that makes them popular. (Our answer: If only Joan Baez was a male.)

THE BEATS: The who?

A CAD: Really cool. Just fab, Dad!

THE TYPICAL RIVER STUDENT: They're different, I guess.

A SNOB: Anything disgusting is appealing to the American public.

A CYNIC: Anybody who can double Ed Sullivan's ratings deserves the popularity.

A SENIOR: You're seventeen, you know what I mean.

A SPIRITUALIST: The Beatles were once worshiped as gods. You know, scarabs, like scarab bracelets. This might be a reincarnation.

A PARENT: Of all the...

AN INTELLECTUAL: I think it's the most fascinating example of Kafka's *The Metamorphosis* I've ever seen.

A ROCK 'N' ROLL SINGER: They're a bunch of phonies.

AN ENGLISHMAN: Sorry about this, America.

THE BEACHCOMBER: Need we say more.

I Cover the Riverfront...

MR. DAVID TAYLOR, AMERICAN HISTORY TEACHER... is planning to cement his fourth period class into room 120 for a year as an experiment. The students are to experience similar discomforts as those known to civil war prisoners in an enemy camp called Andersonville. This may prove to be quite exciting?

CASSIE BAKER, JUNIOR... was guest of honor at a riotous birthday party in Miss Howe's eighth period English class Wed., Feb. 26.

BEATLEMANIA... has hit RRHS! Students have made profits selling Beatle magazines and certain admirers' lockers have become plastered with photos of John, Paul, George, and Ringo. Beatles hairdos are favored by other fans.

BELLS have been jangling the nerves of RRHS students and teachers recently as five minute warnings resound each period.

JEANNETTE MOIR, JUNIOR... is now resting peacefully at home after a harrowing month and a half in Lakewood hospital with rheumatic fever. We hope she'll be back with us soon.

BRUCE FRASER, JUNIOR... faithful HI-TIDE reporter, wit of both Miss Nancy Howe's second period class and Mr. David Taylor's fourth period American history class, and ranking tenth among his classmates, was given a fond farewell by his fellow journalists. The good-byes were topped off with two pieces of cake adorned with straw candles and a farewell song at lunch. He left Fri., Feb. 28 for Illinois.

WHAT WEIGHS 11.25 TONS and sounds like thunder? No, not 5 elephants, but the varsity track team carousing through the halls after school.

JUDY BIDLINGMYER, JUNIOR... was welcomed into RRHS Wed., Feb. 26.

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Bill Mathers Corresponds From South Africa

(The following are from the first letters Bill Mathers has written from South Africa. He left the U. S. Jan. 10 and flew to Africa via London, the Canary Islands and Angola. His family, Mr. and Mrs. Dupreez, met him in Johannesburg and took him on a week's camping trip in the Drakensberg Mountains before they returned to their home near Durban. Bill is now there; in addition to his parents he has a brother Morton, 16, and a sister Stephanie, 10.)

Natives Suppressed

(Jan. 18) I still know little about the native situation here and I have been reluctant to ask until a relationship is more firmly established between us. But the natives are suppressed and they are quite poor. I mentioned that I had read *Cry the Beloved Country* to Morton and he admitted that Alan Paton was generally regarded as despicable. There is definitely a problem here and although its importance is not stressed, it is apparent that it underlies everything and is on everyone's mind.

(Jan. 25) The house here is beautiful, sort of modern and it is very comfortable. The house is on a hill and from here I can see most of Durban and her suburbs. The weather is warm and very damp. We got the shorts OK and now I look real native with shorts and high socks! My basher (straw hat - ed.) really looks good.

Pictures Taken Madly

As I write this, I just looked up and in the bush outside I saw a big chameleon, which we ran out and caught and I got a picture (I have taken 100 pictures already.) They don't talk American over here and many words are different. Yesterday, Mort and I went down to the creek. We played in the bamboo which grows there. The stuff is huge--about 40 ft. tall and is as big as my calf.

(Jan. 28) School started today. I was disappointed. I'm not in the senior year here, only the junior. The principal looked over the information and decided I was a little bit behind Morton's class but a little ahead of the juniors, so here I am.

(Feb. 2) Wonderful. School has turned out great. I'm in the sixth form (senior - he was advanced-ed.) the same one Mort is in and I'm doing well. The teachers here move from class to class, not the kids, and I'm in the smartest class.

I'm playing cricket. Its' terribly dull but I demonstrated a pitcher in baseball and surprised them. I have made lots of friends at school and they are very nice kids. Today I played soccer with some boys. I'm losing my accent.

Saturday we went surf fishing in the ocean. It was jolly good fun but caught nothing. People close by caught piles of fish (shad) but I didn't get a strike. I wanted to catch a shark. There are lots there.

(Feb. 5) I'm doing swell. School is in its second week and I like it. The school is small (600) but it is large for South Africa. I'm taking English, Math, History, Physical Science and Latin. I'm studying Afrikaans (South Africa's second official language) at home from Mother. The weather is perfect, warm and sunny all the time. The kids are OK too. Just like River. They aren't interested in studying however. They take a big test at the end of the year (called matriculation) which graduates them from high school. It is set by the state but I don't have to take it. School is from 8-2:30.

I haven't heard from any River kids yet. I was on the radio. They like the *Riverlet*.

(Those wishing to correspond with Bill may address letters to him at 1 Tweed Road, Westville, Natal, Republic of South Africa. Airmail postage--the only fast way--is 25¢ per half-ounce to Africa.)

Mock UN Gets Briefing

Mr. Victor Strimbu, Jr., a Cleveland attorney and chairman of the Council on World Affairs, visited our delegations to Model UN Mon., March 2.

According to Mr. Strimbu the purpose of the Model UN is to explore the problems and positions that countries might take and to do research on positions taken by the countries in the past.



LATIN CLASS speakers, Tony Corti and Judy Neiswander, discuss Italy, the subject of their talks.

World Travelers Lecture To RRHS Latin Classes

A new feature has been added to RRHS Latin classes: lectures by world travelers. Italy of today and yesterday has been the topic of talks by Riverite junior Judy Neiswander and AF Ser Tony Corti.

Judy spent last summer in Rome and Athens with her mother, who was studying classical civilizations at Rome's American Academy.

While not attending lectures, Judy and her mother were taking color slides on guided tours throughout Rome, the Italian countryside, Athens, and the Aegean Sea.

Judy's lecture of over 100 slides takes one to two periods to present. Besides telling with authority the facts and history of each slide, Judy often added little anecdotes about people or subjects in the pictures.

A few of Judy's slides showed the Vatican, St. Peter's Square, Roman fountains and medieval castles, the Forum; ruins of ancient graveyards, palaces, and seaports; the Appian Way, the Acropolis, the Parthenon, and a quaint Italian cafe.

After praising Italian wine and mountain scenery, Tony's talk centered on modern Italian education.

All students take the same elementary education. At age 11, they enter one of three

junior highs: the commercial, the industrial, or the middle inferior, which Tony attended.

Those who pass a test at age 14 are permitted to enter one of ten specialized high schools. Eight of these give further training in a skilled occupation, like electrician or mechanic.

Students who enter either the classical or scientific high schools prepare for the university. Tony attended a scientific high school.

The classical high school emphasizes studies of Greek and Latin languages, literature, and philosophies. The scientific schools stress math and applied sciences.

Tony noted that both classical and scientific high schools require eight years of Latin and several years of another foreign language for graduation.

In noting the emphasis on foreign languages, especially Latin, even in the scientific schools, Tony stated that "Latin literature is among the world's finest" and that "any translation, no matter how good, loses some of the original beauty and meaning."

Fourth year Latin student Keith Lerch commented: "I enjoyed the talks of both Judy and Toni very much. Seeing a classmate's slides was the next best thing to actually being there."

New Riverites Liken River to Former Schools

RRHS students probably rarely think about the atmosphere or personality of their school. However, the arrival of new students to Rocky River presents an opportunity for first hand opinions on how RRHS appears to others.

Bob Neibaum, a junior, finds River smaller than his former school in Mount Lebanon, Pa., and his schedule somewhat lighter. Bob was very impressed with the friendliness of the kids in the band, and the many opportunities for outside activities.

Work Is Harder

"The girls are neater and the work is harder," commented freshman, Larry Kooker.

Margie Zoul, a junior, who recently moved from Florida misses the open air halls and easier English classes from her sunshine state school.

Sophomore, Tad Jordan was found at a loss for words when he was questioned on his opinions of RRHS. He said, "You see, this is my ninth school."

A Different Atmosphere

Judy Bidlingmyer recently came to River from West Tech. She finds the dress and atmosphere at RRHS decidedly different, and notes that, "The kids here are more polished and well mannered."

These are comments from only a few of the new additions to the student body, but these opinions are valuable in providing a means for Rocky River High School to evaluate itself with all its advantages and disadvantages.

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Coach Kelly Optimistic About Upcoming Season

Coach Don Kelly of the RRHS varsity baseball team is "very optimistic" on the team's chances for a highly successful baseball season. Coach Kelly stated, "We should have a good season. We have a lot of returning lettermen, that will form a strong nucleus from which we will be able to work around."

The pitchers on whom Coach Kelly will be most apt to rely on this season are seniors Lee Perry and Rich Holley. They will be backed up by juniors Al Cashin and Gary Martin.

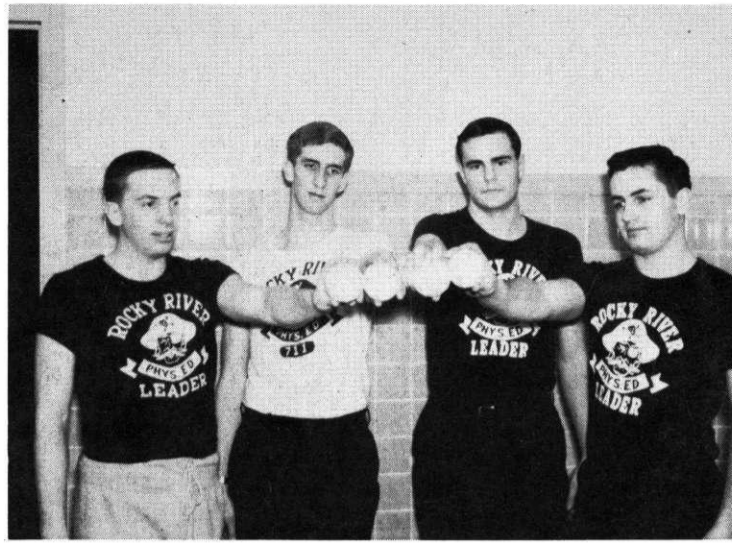
On the receiving end, Rusty Anderson, Bill Montanary, Greg Allebach, and Mike Dorman will fill in the catcher's position.

The men most likely to occupy the infield's positions are Phil Weaver, first base; Art Collins, second base; Bob Cross and Bill Faup, short-stop; and Vince Gandolfi, third base.

The outfield will find the center position filled by Tom Allen, leaving left and right field to be alternately filled by various players.

Coach Kelly stated, "We'll be doing a lot of experimenting the first three weeks or so. However, by mid April we should be ready to play serious baseball."

The team will have its first test in a practice game against a very formidable Lakewood squad, March 28.



VARSIY BASEBALL PITCHERS Lee Perry, Rick Holley, Al Cashin, and Gary Martin display River's pitching strength.

Oberlin-Avon Conference Switch Becomes Effective This Season

Oberlin and Avon Lake officially switched conferences Feb. 19. The change was made official by the combined approval of the principals of the Southwestern Conference.

As a result of the switch, Oberlin will become a member of the Lakeland Conference and Avon Lake will take Oberlin's former place in the Southwestern Conference.

The principle reason for the switch between conferences was the problem of transportation. Oberlin and Avon Lake are both quite a distance from

members of their respective conferences.

Another reason for change is the fact that many Southwestern Conference schools are outgrowing Oberlin. In the case of Avon Lake however, the problem is reversed. Avon Lake is rapidly outgrowing the members of the Lakeland Conference.

All future athletic contests against the Oberlin "Indians" therefore, will be considered out of conference duels as the Avon Lake "Shoremens" will become River's new rival.

Tennis Team Prepares for Season: First Year as Varsity Sport

Under the direction of Coach Donald Nichols, the Rocky River tennis team will start practice for the coming season.

This is the first year tennis has been recognized as an inter-scholastic sport, and therefore the first season as a varsity sport.

About 20 candidates are out to win spots on the varsity team. Those making the team will participate in the 10 matches scheduled for this season.

Coach Nichols stated that those boys who have shown that they are qualified will receive letters.

Dates have been set for the matches but at this time no provision has been made as to

which school will host the meet.

April 14	Marshall
16	Midpark
22	Oberlin
29	Admiral King
May 4	Admiral King
6	Fairview
8	Berea
20	Fairview
22	Valley Forge
26	Valley Forge

Track Team Begins Practice; Season Opens With Indoor Meets

The Rocky River track team, coached by Mr. David Bichsel, began practice Mon., Feb. 4, for the 1964 track season.

Over 70 boys have been practicing in the halls after school. These practices are involved with time trials and general conditioning.

Coach Bichsel was happy to report that ten lettermen will be returning. They include seniors Jack Nordstrom, Chad Napier, Bill Poshley, Craig Bisch, and Jeff Eakin.

Junior lettermen are Bob Lampus, Dave Kergaard, Tom George, Chub Stofer, and Bill Griffiths.

The first of the three indoor meets scheduled for this year was held at John Marshall with Cleveland Heights.

The other indoor meets will be held at Berea and at Lake-

wood. The outdoor season begins April 3, at River.

Track Schedule

March 6	at Marshall
17	at Berea
19	at Lakewood
April 3	Brooklyn
7	Lakewood
10	at Olmsted Falls
14	at West Tech
17	Berea Relays
21	at Bay
23	at Valley Forge
25	Bellaire Relays
28	at Lorain
May 2	at Mentor
5	Fairview
9	River Relays
11-12	SWC meet at River
15-16	District
22-23	State at Columbus

Pirates Out of Berea Sectionals; Lakewood Rangers Are Spoilers

With a 58-50 defeat at the hands of the Lakewood Rangers, the Rocky River varsity basketball team was eliminated from the Berea Sectional Tournaments. It was the Pirates' initial tournament game.

Not favored to win against second-seeded Lakewood, co-champs of the Lake Erie League, River proved pleasantly surprising in keeping up with the Rangers.

The team retired to the dressing room at half, satisfied with a 29-29 knot in the score.

This tie was made possible by the accurate shooting of Bob Cross and an all out team effort.

The Bucs took the floor in the second half and managed to

get a small lead. But Lakewood took control and moved ahead.

This was the last game of the season for the Pirates, who ended up with a 10-8 record.

"Jim Shorts"

by Jim Quarles

This week we stray slightly from our format of Saturday morning basketball, and take a second look at the upset of the year--the Clay-Liston title fight.

Any astute observer can see that I am not too well versed in the matters of heavyweights--but even to the least critical eye there were many inconsistencies. For instance, doesn't it seem rather strange that you Cassius could stay alive while yelling about his poor eyes, when fight experts predicted he would be lucky to be mailed home to his mother in an envelope at the end of the third round.

But oh, you say Liston's arm had been "incapacitated" early in the first round. Really--then Sonny fought some pretty great middle rounds with only one hand.

My conclusion--if this fight is ever proved to be fixed, it will be the death knell of boxing. And if it was a fix, I wish they would get some new script writers--I thought I saw the same one on the wrestling matches Saturday afternoon.

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Saturday Morning Basketball Senior League

Dukes	7 - 0
Novas	5 - 2
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Celtics	4 - 3
Poppers	3 - 4
Irish	1 - 6
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