

Skyline News

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Walter Reed Junior High

North Hollywood, California

NEWSPAPER TO HAVE MORE ISSUES

The Skyline News Supplement is going to have more issues for the first time this semester.

This semester there will be three issues, with a possibility of four issues next semester. Under the new set-up, the issues will be slightly shorter.

This issue consists of six pages of news but does not have the usual two pages of candid shots. The next issue, however, will have two candid shot pages, along with four pages of news. It will be distributed in mid-December.

The third issue will have six pages of news and two pages of candid shot pages, and will be out in January.

The reason more issues were not published before was because of the high cost, but the price has been cut down now that the students are doing the typing.

--David Allen

"STORMY" FEATURES PTA REWARD ASSEMBLY

The award assembly for the PTA Membership Drive was held last Friday. The award was the movie, "Stormy--the Horse with an Inferiority Complex." All students were allowed to attend.

"Stormy" is the thrilling story of a stunted horse who survives many exciting adventures. "Stormy" was seen by all in spite of the fact that we reached only a 113% membership total!

--Geoffrey Proust

REED GIRLS TO MODEL FASHIONS

The Simplicity Fashion Show for the girls of Reed will be presented by the Simplicity Pattern Company today during Period 2 in the auditorium.

Twenty-five Reed girls have been selected by the homemaking and physical education teachers to model the clothes, while a Simplicity stylist explains how each girl can suit her wardrobe to her figure.

The fashion show is presented by Simplicity to encourage girls to make more of their own clothes.

Formals, school clothes, slacks, and casual dresses will be modeled. The clothes are made beforehand; then girls with corresponding measurements are picked to model the dresses which are also shown at other schools.

--Carol Heichel

PTA MEMBERSHIP OVER 110%

The cooperation given by the students in getting their parents to join the PTA was definitely very good, according to Mr. Engberg.

With membership over the 2,150 mark, the school has at least a percent of 113. This brings hopes that the coming semester will bring even greater success to the PTA and a better understanding between parents and teachers, which will promote the general welfare and learning.

"In comparison to other junior high schools, Walter Reed is about average, nothing spectacular," said Mr. Engberg. North Hollywood High School had about the same percentage as Reed, but the elementary schools took the lead over both the junior and senior high schools.

--Robert Winston

"BACK TO SCHOOL" NIGHT A SUCCESS

"Teachers are getting younger than when we were kids!"

"If I had that teacher I would ditch!"

"It's a shame I never took English from her--I might have been an English major."

"That's what they're learning in algebra? Boy, am I glad I'm not in school any more!"

Everyday remarks by the student body? No--by their parents! Those were just a few of the remarks heard in the halls and on Tuesday evening, October 16, when it was "Back to School Night" for Walter Reed moms and dads.

Held in the fall semester for the first time in many years, "Back to School Night" made possible the chance for parents to meet their children's teachers, and vice-versa, early in the school year.

After the first bell at 7:30 p.m., parents set out for the 10-minute long classes. Here they were acquainted with courses of study, testing, and grading systems, and most importantly, the teachers.

The night was climaxed at 9:00 p.m. by a coffee and cake sale, the proceeds of which went to the PTA Welfare Fund for underprivileged children.

"Back to School Night" proved to be a fine education for our parents. Now they know what to expect when we bring home those wonderful--we hope--report cards next month!

--Shelley Zellman



This is a scene from "Back to School" Night, held on Tuesday, Oct. 16.



Pictured are the eight new teachers of our faculty: first row, left to right, are Miss Mann, Mrs. Sherman, Mrs. Barnett, and Miss Okimoto; back row, left to right, are Mr. Camery, Mrs. Barnard, Miss Messler, and Mr. Malone.

8 TEACHERS JOIN REED FACULTY

We at Reed are lucky to have eight new teachers with us this year. Some are new to the education field and others have already had experience. The new teachers are as follows: Mrs. Barnett, Mrs. Barnard, Mr. Camery, Mr. Malone, Miss Mann, Miss Messler, Miss Okimoto, and Mrs. Sherman.

Now teaching history and geography, Mrs. Barnett taught at Emerson Junior High before coming to Reed. She received her degree from UCLA and also attended the University of California at Berkeley. Mrs. Barnett enjoys traveling, having been to such spots as Hawaii, Mexico, and Chicago.

Miss Mann teaches history but before coming to Reed, she taught at Hollywood High. Art is her speciality, and she received her degree in this field at Immaculate Heart College. As a special hint to her present and future students, her pet peeve is students who talk in class.

Born in Los Angeles but raised in Hawaii, Miss Okimoto teaches English-Social Studies. She did her student teaching at University High and Westwood Junior High. Miss Okimoto likes younger students because they are more ambitious, but one thing she does not like is rude students. When she retires, she would like to return to Hawaii to live.

Miss Messler, girls' corrective gym teacher, taught at Lincoln Junior High and Senior High before coming to Reed. However, this is her first experience in teaching corrective gym. She has done much traveling, including a trip through Europe. She likes Reed and its students. Her pet peeve is the "Twist."

After 20 years in the Navy, science teacher Mr. John Malone

is beginning his new career here at Reed. Mr. Malone earned his college degree from a naval academy and continued his education at UCLA where he obtained his teaching credentials. Mr. Malone is married with three children.

Another new faculty member is Mr. Camery, English, history, and public speaking teacher. Mr. Camery attended Southwest Junior College, Phillips University, where he got his B.A. degree, and Kansas State where he earned his M.A. degree. Mr. Camery is also married, but still finds time to enjoy a game of golf.

English and history are the specialties of Mrs. Sherman, who is beginning her teaching career as a teacher in the eighth and ninth grades. Besides teaching, she is working for her Doctor's degree and still manages to find time for her hobbies, sewing and square dancing and being a member of the Sierra Club.

Last, but certainly not least, we welcome back Mrs. Barnard, returning to teach art. She has been teaching for 18 years, of which six have been spent here at Reed. Mrs. Barnard graduated from the University of California at Berkeley, with a major in art. Traveling and designing are her special interests.

These are Reed's new faculty members and all are wished a warm welcome and best of luck in the coming years of their careers.

--Julie Prizant and Patti Skeen

SOCIAL STUDIES CHANGES RESULT IN NEW ELECTIVES

New changes have come to Reed in the social studies and the elective programs. Now ninth grade students will take only a single semester of history. It is called World History and Geography, and the course begins with the Middle Ages and the Renaissance and ends with modern times.

Slight changes have been made in the seventh and eighth grade social studies programs. The purpose of the changes is to enable students to take more electives in the ninth grade.

Power reading, public speaking, reading improvement, Science 3, geometry, and the shops are electives which can be taken by ninth grade students. Power reading, a course designed to encourage the student who is above normal in his reading ability to further expand this capability, is taught by Mrs. Brooks. Mr. Camery is the teacher of public speaking, a new elective which trains students to deliver a good speech to an audience. Science 3 encourages experimentation in the field of science.

Students also have an opportunity to take electives as a result of the offering of languages and algebra in A8. Geometry, which can be taken in A9, gives potential math majors a chance to further their knowledge of mathematics. Art and music courses are also interesting to many Reed students.

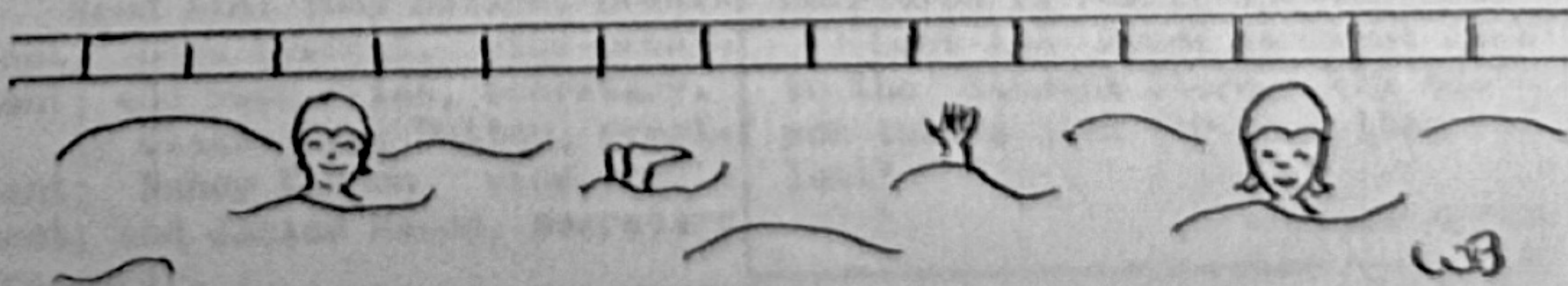
--Cornelius Golden

REED GIRLS TAKE SWIM LESSONS

SPLASH! For three weeks at the beginning of the semester, Reed girls received free swimming lessons at the North Hollywood Park pool. Mrs. Harrop, who gave the girls who have gym in periods 2, 3, 4, and 5 instructions, said it was like a regular physical education class with lessons and tests.

It was a good opportunity for Reed girls to improve their swimming skills--something they had never had the chance to do before. Not only did they have the chance to improve their swimming skills, but also learned some diving and water ballet.

--Carol Heichel



TWO STUDENTS WIN FAME IN MUSIC

Congratulations to Caroline Walker, B9, who was chosen Senior Girls' Glee Club "Wall of Fame" winner last semester. The four nominees were a choice group of girls, picked for their outstanding achievement. They were as follows: Candy Wolock, Laura Benedict, Judy Sennett, and Caroline.

Caroline's gay personality and musical marksmanship showed when she portrayed "South Pacific's" Nellie Forbush, in the fun-frolicking musical selection, "Wonderful Guy," at last spring's music assembly.

Congratulations go also to the "Wall of Fame" winner for the Boys' Glee Club, Keith Keller. Running against Keith were Bill Snow, Robin Warga, and Allen Slasor.

Keith is an all-around athlete and an excellent student. He hopes to be a lawyer, and possibly a politician.

Both Caroline and Keith wish to continue their music whenever possible in the future.

--Julie Gonzalez

WE KNEW HIM WHEN--

Did you know that many well known people have had the pleasure of going to Walter Reed? Two of them are Richard Beymer and Russ Tamblyn.

Teachers, would you be mad if one of your students came in the door of the classroom and jumped over the desk into his seat? This is how Russ Tamblyn entered Mr. McGuigan's room about 10 years ago.

He was a member of the Cashier's Math class, and was a good student. All the girls wanted to get change from his window.

Even at the time he went to Reed, he was wonderful in gymnastics and tumbling.

Richard Beymer went to this school about seven years ago. Mr. McGuigan described him at that time as "very good-looking, quiet and pleasant." He was a good student in everything, but always knew he would be an actor.

--Gay Lichstein

FROM DATE TO MATE

Ever have any romantic ideas on how you may meet your future husband or wife? Well, put them aside. It is more likely to be a very strange meeting and not in the least as it is portrayed in the movies. As an example, read these great love stories.

One evening at a beach party Mr. Mertens was sitting on the sand. His eyes fell upon a lovely young girl. Later on, Mr. Mertens played his part by throwing her into the water fully clothed, only to find that she could not swim. Heroic Mr. Mertens jumped in and saved her. One year later they were married. We hope Mrs. Mertens has now learned to swim.

Our Mr. Engberg has a novel way of meeting a future spouse. Standing tall and erect and singing full voice in a college quartet, Mr. Engberg barely noticed the girl at the organ. But she had her eyes on him from the beginning. Later, when they met at a college in Iowa, their friendship grew, when she schemed to have him notice her. Their meeting ended in "I do's" at their wedding.

Believe it or not, teachers actually fall in love with each other--sometimes! Picture if you can, a lonely schoolteacher leading a dull life in a college up North. Then, a sparkling little brunette is added to the faculty and the love light in Mr. Maley's eyes lit up that little college. This just goes to prove that one lonely instructor plus one cute teacher can equal two happily married people.

Mystery and intrigue sparked this next meeting. Take one good friend who's willing to set you up with a blind date, and if it's the right girl, something interesting is bound to happen. And that's what did happen! The happy ending came last summer with wedding bells for Mr. Sagara and his bride.

This all goes to show that love can often be found in the most unexpected places.

--Sharon McCall and
Caroline Walker



Here are last semester's Wall of Fame winners for the Senior Girls' Glee Club and Boys Glee Club: Carolyn Walker and Keith Keller.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all of the following pupils, all A9's, for their election to offices in the all-school organizations for this semester.

Student Council: Cory Tennant, president; Linda Wendt, vice-president; and Cathy Donley, secretary-treasurer.

Service Club: Paul Wesler, president; Ralph DiPrizito, vice-president; and Greta Granville, secretary-treasurer.

Reed Aid: Tony Savage, president; Lesa Everett, vice-president; and Gwen Friss, secretary.

A9 Class: Doug Dutton, president; Nancy Kasson, vice-president; and Janice Mason, secretary treasurer.

LOST, BUT NOT FOUND

Red ones, brown ones, white ones. The Lost and Found is full of them. Jackets and purses come in almost every day.

There are so many nice items in the Lost and Found, you would think their owners would be more responsible for them. It's one thing to lose the item, but failing to reclaim it during lunch or nutrition is really inexcusable.

Lost and Found is right next to the Student Store. Why don't you take a look for that item you lost?

--Eddie Agran

"WHAT--ME DO HOMEWORK?"

Are you one of those "squares" who comes home and does homework locked in your room at a desk? Of course not. Why, anybody knows the only way to do homework is your way. English and math are done with the radio and record player on, blasting out your favorite tunes. Social studies and science are done while watching Ben Kiljoy and other exciting television shows. Then, any extra subjects may be done while gabbing on the phone. A dish of cake and a glass of milk sits in front of you, and your French is being slowly digested as you converse.

Sounds like a ball? You may feel that way now, but see how you feel tomorrow. So you are having tests in almost every subject--you studied and did your homework to the best of your ability!??

Now let's analyze your study habits. Wouldn't you have completed all your homework assignments much more quickly without those cultural (?) interruptions? And those test grades; you could have gotten "A's" on all of them if you concentrated on your work and studied in the proper place. In this way, you could have avoided many of the problems that you now face.

Try doing your homework the correct way tonight and see the results. What, you got an "A" on all of your tests and received recognition and commendation from your teachers?! Good for you. Keep up the good work, and watch your grades go skyrocketing.

--Adrien Survol

CHEATING FOR FUN AND PROFIT!??

Aha! Cheating again, eh? Well, I know a new method that is guaranteed to work every time!

First, drop your pencil on the floor. While picking it up, accidentally brush your paper off your desk, too. Then, while picking the paper up, lean on your neighbor's desk. Grin as you retrieve your paper, but let your eyes rove to the paper on his (or her) desk. Get your answer and go back to work. Of course, this doesn't work too well if the person next to you is failing. I also suggest that you try this only once during a test!

If you've tried this and found it unsuccessful, I suppose you did something wrong. But, if you are sure you did everything correctly, and it still didn't work, I think studying might be effective and more profitable.

Truthfully, I think that cheating is ridiculous. After all, the teachers all have eagle eyes.

Aw shucks! Caught again! Oh well, another test is coming up today, and I have time to study for this one!

--Beth Johannsen



"COURTESY--WHAT'S THAT?"

Is good old-fashioned courtesy REALLY dead? If you've hung around our hash lines, you might think so. Why should that one particular bell signalling the end of fourth period suddenly bring out the most primitive push-'n-shove tactics known to those usually civilized inhabitants of our hallowed halls?

We've all observed characters who think they're really clever operators in the ways they manage to shave a few seconds off waiting time in the hash lines.

There are always those who think they can step into a line when no one is looking.

Then there's the sharpie who uses that worn out "Oh, she saved my place while I went to get my books" alibi.

We're all familiar with many types of "accidents" involving the pushing, shoving, picking up, or dropping of books.

And when we examine these devious means for "getting ahead" in the hash lines, what have the schemers really gained? Besides making themselves look foolish, they've taken a short-cut on the road toward losing friends and irritating people.

Wouldn't common courtesy and a spark of decency get them a lot farther?

--Dana Johnson

REED RUCKUS AT 3:10

The honking of over-worked horns, the screeching of well-worn tires, and the muttered words of disgusted mothers and children -- these are the familiar sounds that punctuate the beginning and end of each day at Walter Reed.

The situation is particularly disturbing when the bell rings at 3:10. At this time everyone, drivers and pedestrians alike, appear--heading in all directions, causing complete chaos. Parents double park, kids "jay-walk," and confusion reigns.

It should be the aim of everyone to eliminate this serious condition. Under such circumstances, the occurrence of an accident is not unlikely. Many of the basic laws which we normally follow are often violated in the front of our own school.

We, the students, can take action to eliminate this situation! Would it "kill us" to meet our car pools half a block away from school? Would we die of exhaustion if we had to walk all the way to the corner to cross at a crosswalk? Think about it! Remember! Only YOU can clear up our traffic problem.

--Judy Davidson

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER DESERVES YOUR SUPPORT

"No, Miss Pinkleposie, I did not tell everyone to drop their books at 2:10; my sister did. You see, we're identical twins, and--" And the rest is very obvious. When your regular teacher is absent, the person taking over the class needs twice the cooperation from you, but not often does he get it. This is largely the reason things seem to be in a state of confusion when you have a substitute teacher.

Many students feel that a regular teacher's retreating time is their talking and cheating time. On the contrary, when someone new is teaching your class, pupils should give that person their full cooperation. They should be less apt to misbehave.

And before you know it, clang! There goes the bell and your class is over. The class workers are generally not clock watchers. The minutes tick by faster for you and the teacher, and this way everything is pleasant for everyone!

--Lemora Martin

SACRED ANSWERS?

Tests always seem a little harder when you don't think. You can always (usually) pass a test with this proven method. Give answers that aren't wrong, but ones that are logically correct. The following are of the type referred to:

History
Q. Can you come to any conclusions as to why the Roman Empire fell?
A. Yes.
Q. Compare Russia's past with that of the United States.
A. They're different.

English
Q. When a noun is followed by a prepositional phrase and an infinitive clause preceding a verb, what does this usually mean?
A. It usually means you've got a teacher that asks stupid questions.

Q. Explain why correct grammar and spelling are essential.

A. 'Cause your teacher ladies all say so.

Q. In reading the book I assigned did any questions enter your mind?

A. Yes, when I put the book down, I found me asking myself, "Why did I ever read this dumb book?"

Geography
Q. Where is Brutan located?
A. Probably in either the southern or northern hemisphere.

Q. What happened to Kishiniva, Rumania this year?

A. I didn't see them anywhere!

Science
Q. The part of the plant that goes below ground is called the:
A. Part of the plant that goes below ground.

Q. Which is the nearest star to the earth?
A. Rock Hudson.

Now you can answer almost anything teachers will ask, except test questions.

--Steve Farmer

WHO'S WHO IN OUR FACULTY

The following clues will help you discover the name of some "mixed up" teachers of our staff.

Buenos Dias.

Mrs. Raddio

The What's What character of Reed.

Mr. Nonsah

Walks small, but carries a cane full of 300 words.

Mr. Remenst

Pease and quiet please!

Mr. Esape

He's one of the dog-gonedest teachers here in our school, say Smokey and Bo.

Mr. Almey

She's Kalm, cool, and collected.

Mrs. Omkm

The little old soup maker.

Miss Aelbpmlc

Do U-cheat-a?

Mr. Ciduah

He's as tall as an ice-berg but warm enough to melt one.

Mr. Brgegne

She's a honey of a kid in a flaming red Corvair.

Mrs. Liwilmas

"Au revoir, mes amies."

Mrs. Fsipte

--Diane Scott and Bob Dasher

DEAR GERTRUDE

Dear Gertrude,

My problem is really desperate. My boyfriend always considers me one of the group, boys, that is. What can I do to convince him I am a girl?

A real girl

Dear Girl,

My solution to you would be to quit woodshop and gardening; it might work wonders for you!

Dear Gertrude,

For years my friends have been talking about me. I really do not know what is so odd about me. Inclosed is one of my pictures. What is wrong with me?

Talked about

Dear Talked About,

Have you ever thought about plastic surgery? It really can work wonders.

Dear Gertrude,

What's wrong with being so fat? Everyone I know keep telling me to lose weight. I have lots of fun the way I am.

Two Ton Anny

Dear Anny,

Nothing if you enjoy being a human blimp, but frankly I would not. I'd decide to lose weight before you find yourself stuck in the door, if it isn't too late!

--Diane Scott

TV GUIDE TO WALTER REED

Below are some names of television shows referred to different teachers, places, or classes of our school.

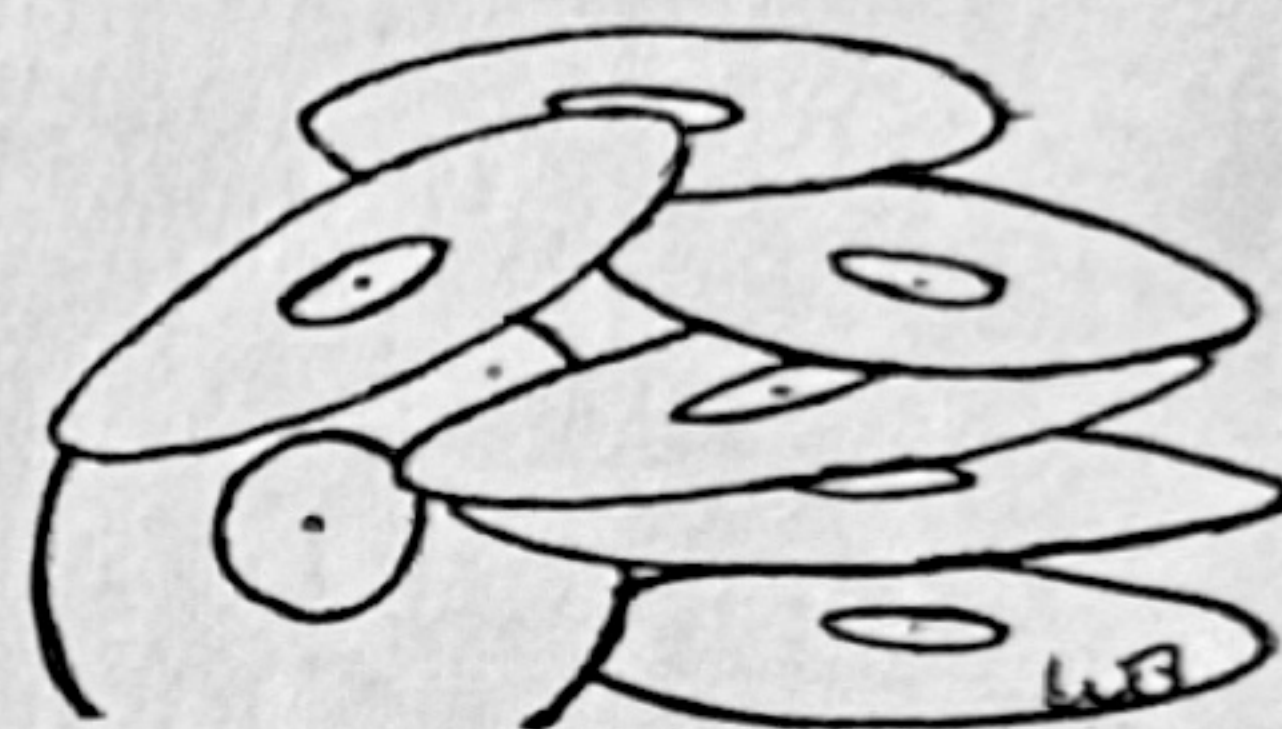
It's a Man's World.....Boys' Gym
Sing Along with Mitch...Boys Glee Clubs

Youth Court.....Social Adjustment
Beat the Odds...Mr. Hanson's test
Untouchables...Cooking class Food
Dr. Kildare.....Health Office
Thaxton's Hop.....Co-ed Dancing
Bitter End.....Report Cards
Wonderful World

of Color...Mrs. Komm's Art Class
To Tell the Truth.....Mr. Myers' office

Highway Patrol.....Service Club
Wild Cargo.....Mr. Maley's Pets

--Diane Scott



PLATTER CHATTER

Last night, I didn't have anything to do, so I dialed Beechwood 4-5789. I said, "Hi, Sherry. I'm Lookin' For a Love."

She said, "I Remember You! You're Popeye! I thought you were going with Sheila."

"I was," I replied, "but one night, while we were doing the Monster Mash together, I remembered that I Left My Heart in San Francisco. I hopped in my 409 to go get it. When I finally got back, I said, 'Come On Little Angel, Let's Dance!'"

Then she said, "Let's Go and Hully Gully Baby!"

While we were dancing, she snuggled up close to me and asked "Do You Love Me?"

That's when I found out that she had been eating Green Onions. Phew!! What Kind of Love is This? I immediately replied, "No More!"

Then I heard her mumble, "Oooh! He's a Rebel! If I Had a Hammer, I wouldn't be Bustin' Surfboards; I'd be bustin' your head!"

Then she found a hammer and she hit me. In my last words before I blacked out, I said, "You Beat Me to the Punch."

When I woke up after having brain surgery, I realized one important lesson: Only Love can Break a Heart, but this time it was my head!

"So tell me, Sherry: if It's Love that Really Counts, What Kind of Fool Am I?"

--Kerry Hatch

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JOIN AFTER SCHOOL LEAGUES

After school leagues have been in progress since the second week of school. The leagues' main purpose, according to Coach Selsor, who is the head coach of the after school leagues, is to give boys a chance to have some recreational activity after the school day is over, and to develop the best physical condition possible for boys who are interested in doing this while having lots of fun. These after school leagues are held on our athletic field. Seventh graders play on Monday and Thursday, while both eighth and ninth graders play on Wednesday and Friday. The leagues are from 3:30 to 4:30.

When boys come to Reed in the 87 they are immediately told what team they will be on until they graduate. When boys other than 87's come to our school, they are also assigned to a team. All boys are either on the Trojans, Indians, Bruins, or Tigers.

At present there are 81 seventh graders, 88 eighth graders, and 87 ninth graders registered with their respective teams. The seventh grade Trojans, and the eighth grade Bruins, according to Mr. Selsor, need some more boys, and every team in every grade could always use an extra player or two. It seems that many boys are under the impression that you need to play every night your grade plays, but this is entirely wrong. In fact, you can come only once a week or even once every two weeks, although in order to earn your letter, you need to be present at three-fourths of your team's games.

See you after school!!!

--Phil Kaufman

GYM TEACHERS OF TODAY

Mr. Wolters, who is one of our gym teachers, enjoyed athletics very much when he was in school. He always enjoyed working with and counseling young boys by helping them to become better in athletics. He then went on to major in physical education.

Mr. Cambianica had not originally intended to be a physical education teacher. During college he coached a young softball team. The experience proved so interesting and successful that he decided to make it a career of teaching physical education and being a guide and educator of young men.

--Steve Friedman

A9-B9 GAME HAS INTERESTING BACKGROUND

"If you have a scrappy team playing against you, don't be sure of victory," proclaimed Mr. McGuigan in an interview. With the A9-B9 football game just around the corner, students have begun to wonder about the history of these games.

Since the A9 victory in 1940, upsets have occurred time and time again, which makes it that much harder to predict the winner of the coming A9-B9 clash.

"Touch football is much different from tackle because there are so many people on the field a run is almost impossible. For this reason I will favor the team with the tallest ends and best passers," said Mr. McGuigan.

Mr. McGuigan's record book revealed the following important facts: The A9's have won 10 games out of the 22 played, having tied four games with the B9's. The highest scores were by the A9's 36-6 (1944); and by the B9's 28-0 (1958). The strangest game was played in 1949, a 2-2 tie, both teams scoring a safety.

Many of the players who once played at this school in the A9-B9 games have achieved great honor in sports. Amongst these is Randy Vahn who now plays right guard for Stanford University. Bob Bache who played here in 1946 became an All-Valley halfback. Wilfred (Wulfie) Fraychenaud and his brother Chuck played here in 1942.

"Wulfie could have been one of the best athletes in the state had he not gotten polio," said Mr. McGuigan, "and Chuck, his brother, might have been accepted by the pros if he would not have 'wrecked' his knee playing service ball in San Diego."

Best of luck to both teams!

--Joel Lester

SPORTS MINDED?

When asked the following questions, the girls of Walter Reed revealed how much they knew about the sports world.

Don Drysdale led the American League in homeruns for 1962.

Yes--50% No--20% Maybe--30%

The manager of the Los Angeles Lakers is Alvin Dark.

Yes--70% No--10% Maybe--20%

NFL is the abbreviation for the National Folk Dancers Legion.

Yes--50% No--50%

Sonny Liston is a world reknown ballet star.

Yes--80% No--15% Maybe--5%

The winner of the 1962 tennis championship was Arnold Palmer.

Yes--75% No--10% Maybe--15%

--Tom Cummings

SURFING GROWS IN POPULARITY

Surfing, now a very popular sport, has grown in popularity in the past few years and particularly in the Los Angeles area so that there are now approximately 20,000 surfers.

To meet the demands of so many surfers who want boards there are many shops which sell surfboards and such a place is called a surf shop. Most of them are in the beach cities; however, there is now a surf shop open in the Valley.

It has long been a favorite sport in foreign countries. Australia and Peru have enjoyed it for years, as well as Hawaii which had excellent surfers long before becoming one of our states.

There are a number of very good surfing spots in our area such as Malibu, Rincon, Huntington Beach and Trestles.

Surfboards can be bought in various sizes and colors. They are made of styrofoam which is the inner layer of a surfboard. In the styrofoam there are strips of inlaid wood or wood that goes all the way through the foam; these strips are called stringers. The outside of the board is coated with fiberglass. Also a surfboard can be bought in a variety of colors and designs.

The USSA or United States Surfing Association was formed in October, 1961. The Association is open to anyone who cares to join for a small fee. There are seven districts that cover Hawaii, California and the Eastern seaboard of the United States. It is a non-profit organization dedicated to

M.B. surfing and to you.

--Jeff Butler

