Thanksgiving!

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# PARENTS ATTEND SCHOOL TO CONFER WITH FACULTY

By Leonora Rubin

Parents desiring to discuss their children's progress, had the opportunity to do so on Monday afternoon, November 10, and Thursday evening, November 13, when Madison, along with schools all over the country, conducted Open School Week.

An altered bell schedule was adopted on both these days in order to allow time for the parent interviews. On Monday, parents met with the AM session teachers between the hours of twelve noon and two o'clock, while PM session teachers spoke with them from two o'clock until four.

Teachers of freshman students in the Annex were in the basement lunchroom of the main building and Sheepshead Bay High School students also had the opportunity to speak with their school's faculty, between three and five, in their classrooms on the fourth floor. The interviewing on Thursday evening was done from seven-thirty until nine o'clock.

The procedure for both days was the same. Each teacher was assigned either to a classroom, the library, or one of the cafeterias. Here they met with parents to impart information about their children's progress. Assisting the teachers and acting as hosts were the members of Junior and Senior Arista and the Service

The parent-teacher discussions were generally kept short, between three an five minutes, because of the large number of parents who came

#### 26 Million Visit Schools

Open School Week is a part of the thirty-eighth annual observance of problems. American Education Week. It is estimated that 26,000,000 parents visited ical goals would affect the executschools throughout the country dur- ing of the Supreme Court decision ing Open School Week, to acquaint The question of states' rights and the themselves with the teachers, and desire for individual sovereignty, generally to obtain information about the quality of education in their

# Modernization Plans

Renovations will begin in Madison Negro. in the near future that will fill the needs of an expanding student body.

all facilities were up-to-date. Today, cus, Richard Needleman, and Norhowever, there are areas in the school man Strauss. which are in need of desperate mod-

With the recent popularity of science courses, all such classes are filled, and several are overcrowded.

When renovated, the north wing of the fifth floor will be devoted to lished for the formation of a Spanchemistry and physics. It will contain a chemistry laboratory, physics laboratory and four completely the third floor, there will be an equally fine arrangement for the ber of the National Honor Society. biology department. Besides the laboratories and demonstration rooms, there will be a special room set aside for student biology projects.

## New Lighting System

A new lighting and public address Madison. Also new stage and ceiling for membership. lights, additional sound facilities in the auditorium, and new corridor and activities, which include visiting classroom lighting equipment will be Spanish restaurants and museums. installed.

The work shops will be situated on the fifth floor in the present loca-

All dining areas will be situated in the present basement lunchroom, exception of periods four and seven. which will be equipped with a modern cafeteria, kitchen, and teachers' lunchroom. This will eliminate the Mr. Kirsch for further information.

# conducted their interviews from twelve until two o'clock. Parents of Juniors Witness **Integration Talk**

On Friday, October 31, six students under the guidance of Mr. Lieber, chairman of the history department, presented a program on integration for the junior assemblies.

It is four years since the Supreme Court made its now historic decision to integrate all public schools. During that time, there has been much discussion on the issue. While certain elements in the South have tried to prevent integration, the Supreme Court has held its ground.

The first report defined and discussed the importance of complete integration. This was stated as an integration that went beyond schooling, transportation, and housing. "Complete" integration in attitude is required. It was emphasized that not until "complete" integration is carried out will we truly end racial

The group discussed whether politwas also scrutinized.

The students spoke about another aspect of the enigma in the South; the economic implication of integration. It was asserted that although Custodian Announces integration would have a harmful effect on white southern labor, taxes would increase with a generally im-

The chairman of the group discussion was Carol Hanan. The other In the 1920's, when Madison was members of the panel were Gail new, there was no overcrowding, and Jeby, Robert Kaufman, Robert Mar-

# New Spanish Society

Temporary plans have been estab-Spanish Department, under the direction of Miss Anita Ligorio, hopes being accepted as a chartered mem-

Marcy Hamilton and Ann Posnansky are the student leaders of the Honor Society. Their faculty adviser is Mr. Arthur Kirsch. Fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth term students who have attained an over-all aversystem will be installed throughout age of 90% in Spanish are eligible

The leaders are planning various

# Coaching Course Begun

Another feature of the club is its coaching course which is already untion of the cafeteria. The former derway. Students who would like shops will become a music suite, tutoring in Spanish or wish to tutor having practice rooms for the two during school hours may come to the choruses, the orchestra, and the band. Spanish office, room 262, during periods two through nine, with the

All students who are interested in joining the Society should contact

need for two such lunchrooms. At There is also a possibility that a Front, Marcy Hamilton, Myron Ka- deed," the adoption of Korean War well in mathematics will be best ing. The school has a specialty in the present time, Madison students Linguists Club may be established lin and Jeff Sussman. Mr. Wheeler, orphans, which has already been suited for the school. eat in the overcrowded fifth floor in the near future. The club would Chairman of the Social Studies De- made possible by the contributions be open to students who are either partment at Martin Van Buren High of Madison students. Mr. Melomo is Madison's custodi- taking two languages, or four years School, is in charge of organizing

# Seniors Blast Off" To Victory In Sing As Show Marks End Of Its First Decade



SCENES FROM SING: Upper Left: Juniors attempt to locate a workshop in Madison in order to help Santa Claus finish the manufacturing of toys in time for Christmas. Upper Center: Commissioners of Sing Bob Rockfeld and Lois Beder. Upper Right: Sophs build their haven on Madison's roof after Madison is "thrown off" Kings Highway. Bottom Left: Junior, Alan Lazar as Santa Claus, appeals to Junior Class for aid. Bottom Center: Seniors land on Moon (note rocket ship at right) with the intention of establishing a student exchange program with Moon men. Bottom Right: Soph, Arthur Michaelson, portrays a Madison biology teacher whose pigeons lose

On Tuesday, October 28, Madison

The Brooklyn Borough Council is

a body made up of representatives

from the various high schools of our

schools an opportunity to exchange

ideas for the purpose of obtaining

benefits for the student bodies of all

dance to be held at some centrally

this meeting, awards were granted

operations of the Council.

# Traditional Sing Celebration Ball Features Class Songs and Bands

On Saturday night, November 15, the Seniors, winners of the Sing, played host to the other participants at the Sing Celebration Ball. Felt notes, inscribed with "Sing-1958," were distributed to all Seniors who proved standard of living for the had taken part in the Sing program as a remembrance of their victory.

A major feature of the Sing Celebration Ball was the rendition of the song and dance highlights of the three performances. Entertainment was also provided by the grade bands. Paul Shafiroff led the Senior band, Jerry Friedman the Junior band, and Roger Shenken, the Sophomores' musical

The selling of tickets was supervised, and decorations were arranged by the Cabinet and the Social Affairs® Honor Students Form vine head the Commissions. The Discuss Vital Topics Commissioners of Publicity, Carol Gottlieb, Carol Hechtman, Emily Numeroff, Judith Rothgart, and Dave Sillen directed the distribution of played host to representatives of the signs, and the selling of refreshments. Brooklyn Borough Council. There ish Honor Society in Madison. The The Sing Celebration Ball was held were an estimated fifty-five deleunder the guidance of Miss Taleis- gates from most Brooklyn high nik, adviser of the SGO. The Sing schools. After these representatives equipped demonstration rooms. On that the club will attain its goal of Ball represents the climax to Sing were escorted through the building, activities. This dance commemorated they were served refreshments, and the close of ten successful years of then began their meeting. Sing at Madison.

# Mirror Youth Forum borough. Its aim is to give member **Chooses Participants**

The New York Mirror Youth Forum, which will take place on many problems relating to school December 6, 1958 at the Hotel Astor, life were brought to the attention of will discuss and resolve current prob-

There are thirty-three panel leaders taking part in the discussions. The group also seeks an inter-school They were chosen from among two hundred applicants on the basis of extemporaneous speeches and written obtaining movie discounts for a papers, which were previously delivered during practice sessions.

# Student Representatives

# Music Department **Dedicates Concert**

The faculty, student body, and the PTA, deeply saddened by the untimely passing of Mr. Avner Mendelsohn, have decided to honor his memory by dedicating the music department's annual winter concert to the late Math Team adviser.

The Avner Mendelsohn Memorial Concert will be held on Friday evening, January 9, 1959. The proceeds man, Mr. David Rattner, Mrs. Rose from the Memorial Concert will comprise most of the money which will baum. All these judges are members be set up as a scholarship fund for of Madison's faculty. Committee, Arthur Fried, Kenny Delegates To Council the deceased's two children. All Madison students and especially those original dialogue and lyrics but based who came in contact with Mr. Men- upon popular songs, presented by the delsohn, are urged to buy tickets.

**Funds Raised** made by mathematics teachers and math office students. All funds will be given to Mrs. Mendelsohn and her this year in each of the three presentwo children as a token of gratitude tations. All were preceded by a for the inspiring and splendid work Freshman chorus. In addition, an-Mr. Mendelsohn did at Madison.

# Class Of '59 Unites Earth With Moon In 'One World'

By Robert Goldenberg

On the evenings of November 7, 8, and 10, a total of about 3000 spectators gathered in the Madison auditorium to see the Senior class win Madison's Tenth Annual Sing.

The winning Seniors' theme was 'One World," concerning an attempt to set up a student exchange program with the Moon. The highlight of the Senior Sing was the blasting off of a rocket ship from the Moon. The Juniors' theme was "Junior Toys Inc.," which was highlighted by a reindeer dance and animated toy dolls and soldiers. The Sophomores were building a "Madison Haven" up on our roof. Arthur Michaelson, portraying a Madison biology teacher, was the outstanding performer in the Sophomore Sing.

The faculty advisers this year were Mr. Joseph DaVolio-Seniors, Mr. William Jacobson-Juniors, and Mrs. Mildred Glaberman-Sophomores. The student Sing Leaders, Chorus Leaders and Secretaries for the three grades (in the same order) were Ronnie R. Margolis, Terry Wolfe, and Sylvia Topf; Jerry Friedman, Bonnie Zane, and Linda Katz; and Theo Rothstein, Sue Ellen Klein, and Ellen Unger. The leaders of the Freshman choruses were Deena Ressner, Doris Bernstein, and Myra Greene. The Commissioners of Sing were Bob Rockfeld and Lois Beder; the faculty adviser to Sing was Mr. Laurence Posner.

# Panel of Judges

This year the panel of judges consisted of Mr. Chester Fulmer, Mr. Martin Rosoff, Miss Elizabeth E. Horne, Mr. George Kapp, Mr. Simon Levine, Mrs. Mabel Mesler, Mrs. Rose Nurenberg, Miss Julia Putter-Stein, and Miss Deborah Tannen-

Sing consists of a playlet, with Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors. These are then evaluated independ-At present a collection is being ently by a panel of judges, and the winner is announced.

About 250 students participated

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# REPRESENTATIVES OF COLLEGES LECTURE ON CURRICULA, CAREERS

This semester as in the past, col-| also required of all entrants. He furlege conferences have been conduct- ther mentioned that it is a good idea schools. At the most recent meeting, ed through the co-operation of the for students to take either French or College Office. Representatives from German courses in high school. The various colleges talked to students school offers courses in every phase the Council. Among these was about their schools. The conferences of engineering. It also has majors a petition to Mayor Wagner asking are open to all students who are in- in math and science for teaching for an ice skating rink in Brooklyn. terested.

are: The Academy of Aeronautics, technic Institute. located school, and the possibility of Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, State Teachers College at Oswego, and Colgreater number of theaters. Also at lege on Long Island at Oyster Bay.

Mr. Drusys, of the Academy of school will prepare students for high to Abraham Lincoln High School and Aeronautics, discussed his school with school teaching in mathematics and Madison will be represented by George W. Westinghouse High School, students who are interested in aero-science, for junior high school teach-Phyllis Kane, who was selected as a for executing good civic efforts. Mad- nautical technology. He emphasized ing in English and social studies, as panel leader, and Carol Cohen, Robert ison plans to submit as its "good the fact that students who have done well as for elementary school teach-

> Mr. Smith, of Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, stated that science and mathematics are the most important ested in students whose averages are Madisonians are quite active in the criteria, but a good English mark is

purposes. Beginning in 1959, girls Some of the colleges represented will be admitted to Brooklyn Poly-

Miss King, of State Teachers College at Oswego, spoke of the opportunities offered at Oswego. This industrial arts and in vocational industrial education. Oswego is inter-

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A letter of thanks to James Madison High School students, from Mrs. Avner Mendelsohn, is reprinted below. The letter was sent to the school in care of the HIGHWAY.

To the students of James Madison in this year we won the "Yale Sprint High School:

Dear Friends.

You have all reacted to my tragic trophy for placing second in the apparently few people take notice of loss in such a beautiful and heart- Bowling League. In nineteen fifty- it. Though the footballs are deflated warming manner, that I have chosen six we won the "Flatbush Track and the cups are tarnished, Madithis means of thanking all of you for Champion" trophy, and a large cup sonians should nevertheless take your genuine sympathy and for your marks our tennis accomplishment. A pride in our school's past. great efforts in setting up a suitable memorial to my husband. These efforts are unique, I know, and have moved me deeply.

Countless letters from students and alumni have told me of the great devotion you had for my husband and for the lasting influence you feel he had on you. Your affection is so genuine, because you felt instinctively and accurately that it was mutual. Next to his own family, you and your welfare meant more to him than anything else. At a time like this there ulty member who endeavors to be the tools which must be used to as a captain, he supervised the main-tection and drag them over to the Now off Madison's roof, Sophomores is little that can console me. But the active in every phase of school life. achieve this end. Concerning the stu-tenance and supplying of equip-table tops. This will save the school knowledge that he will live on as a Such is Mr. Joseph DaVolio, a teach-dents, Mr. DaVolio states that they ment to Air Force jets. He believes money which would ordinarily be All was in despair; the Sophs were guiding influence, not only in his own children, but in so many of his students, means more to me than I can say. It is the greatest reward a teacher can have.

A deep love of life and for the beautiful things in it; a genuine desire to understand your fellow human beings; and an unceasing search for honesty and truth are what my husband stood for; they are his heritage. You have recognized this; therefore his life, though all too short, was not wasted. That is a consolation and for this I thank you.

Mrs. Avner Mendelsohn

## A Labor of Love

The HIGHWAY would like to con- ment. In addition to teaching retailgratulate Mr. Saul Bloch on the great ing and merchandising to many of job he did in his organization of the our commercial students, Mr. Dacombined lunchrooms. Our article on this topic, at the right, is a humorous travesty based on a serious situation. We hope that our art will entertain, we are sure that Mr. Bloch's efforts will be a permanent monument | body of Madison. He has often exto his hard work.

## A Day of Thanks

The HIGHWAY extends its best every one of his three years at Madiwishes for a very happy Thanksgiving to the faculty and student body about the responsibilities of students one who died young? My book reof Madison.

# Manuson@Huyhway Trophy Case Exhibits



LAURELS ON PARADE: Reflections of Madison's scholastic and athletic

trophies, and citations in all fields of extra-curricula activity. The school's showcase on the second floor proudly displays our achievements.

awards in second floor trophy case.

shelves are devoted to a display of trophies and plagues, while the bottom shelf contains gold basketballs and footballs as indications of successful seasons.

#### Athletic Awards

In nineteen twenty-nine we were ter-school competition. again champions in handball. Also Relay Trophy," the smallest trophy

Over the years we have amassed wooden and brass plaque engraved the dread disease, "beri-beri." He has an imposing collection of awards, "Class of Nineteen Fifty-six -Gamerama" commemorates this oncepopular intra-school activity. Last year our basketball team took third The showcase itself is close to place in the city. We received for eight feet high, and has glass shelves this accomplishment a trophy in and a mirrored back. The upper two bronze, of a player poised for a shot. isonians fair notice, however, that team.

Viewing the awards given to us in bia Scholastic Press Association" athletics, Madison students should be has awarded the HIGHWAY many quite proud. One trophy was given first place awards. The Radio Work- mores, enjoy the sweet taste of victo Madison in nineteen twenty-six, shop has also won awards for tory while you may! Percy Smith and when we had a champion handball broadcasts on radio station WNYE a group of insidious, humane biology team. Near it in the case is one of and WNYC, in nineteen forty-seven students will catch up with you in room and the subsequent attempt to lavish production, and Joshua Lothe more beautiful cups - P.S.A.L. and nineteen forty-eight. The Math the end!! Champions, nineteen twenty-seven. Team has won several awards in in-

#### Pride in School's Past

It may be surprising that although in our case. More recently, in nine- the showcase contains so many meteen forty-eight, Madison won a large mentoes of our school's attainments,

"A PILLAR OF SCHOOL SPIRIT"

By Rosalie Wellman

is only a rare person who can live his students by precept and example; Mr. Knobloch trains with the re- tainers found after lunch periods are But the pigeons believed that it was a truly well-rounded life. On the ed- that is, he must set himself up as a serves. Last summer, he was sta- checked for prints. ucational level, this type of person model for his pupils to imitate. Pro- tioned at Olmstead Air Force Base Recently, Mr. Bloch ordered his is exemplified by the student or fac- per speech, dress and manners are in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. There, guards to bind all students given pro-



Photo by George Silverman Mr. Joseph DaVolio

er in Madison's Commercial Depart-Volio is faculty adviser to the Service League, Go-Getters and Senior Sing.

# Model For Imitation

He has proved himself a most understanding and wonderful teacher, adviser and friend to the student pressed his great fondness for us, a feeling which is mutually evident by the fact that we have called upon him to act as adviser to Sing during son. His popularity may be attributed in a great measure to his ideas and teachers to each other. He be- port is due tomorrow.

must learn to "control themselves, that the average layman does not given to employees who clean the to know their place, and to respect realize that, "It takes hundreds of lunchroom at the end of the day. the position of others."

## Student Responsibility

He has observed with regret that school spirit in Madison is not all it for the reserves." should be. In his opinion, "Our school bears the name of a great man, and all Madisonians should be aware of their responsibility in living up to the great ideals that he represented."

Mr. DaVolio's out-of-school activities include athletics and traveling. He names swimming as his favorite sport, but enjoys nearly every other athletic activity.

Thus, we find in Mr. DaVolio the ners, seems only a dream. Many moons have passed since then and stutype of well-rounded and personable dents have begun to catch up on the school work which they sometimes teacher so important in our Ameri- neglected in order to attend "an important meeting." Normalcy has can schools



Do you have a biography of some-

remain.

# BiologyExperimentGivesSophs THE School's Past Glories Momentary Victory Re: Pigeons REVIEWING

Attention, please Attention all Madisonians! The HIGHWAY announces with pleasure that the roof of the school is available at last for construction of a haven for all those unfortunate souls who have been chased off Kings Highway by one "Officer Morsky."

It seems that although the Sophomores did not win the battle of Sing itself, they did manage to get some rather troublesome pigeons out of the

way. Everyone seems to be quite hap-@ py about the situation, except a rather distracted-looking little man in a red jacket, who has been seen jumping and cavorting in a fit of rage, with a war-cry on his lips.

The little man is referring to none other than Alfred and Melvin, two victims of the malicious scientific experiments of Mrs. Capson's biology classes. They have been evicted from their peaceful, friendly home on the roof of Madison, on the pretext of being used "in the interest of science." Melvin has been infected with risked his life to prove to Mrs. Capbalanced diet.

#### Hazard to Jets

The Civil Aeronautics Authority and the A.S.P.C.A. have given Mad-A large, ornate cup also appears in their haven must be built, enjoyed the showcase — the William Ran- and demolished within the short dolph Hearst Award to our football space of three months, since Melvin will soon be on the road to recovery. Our school publications have also His rightful home will then have to received many honors. The "Colum- be restored, lest his wanderings prove fer the fate of either being elbowed a hazard to the new commercial jets.

Therefore, we must say: Sopho-

# CHAIRMAN GIVES TIME TO COUNTRY

Few Madisonians realize how wide cupations of members of the faculty.

As a member of the United States Air Force Reserve, Mr. Emanuel Knobloch, chairman of Madison's Speech-English Department, has combined an interest in aviation, with services to his country. For sixteen years Mr. Knobloch has been a member of the armed forces.

## Reserve Training

In this world of specialization, it lieves that a teacher must instruct for two weeks during each summer, the dean's vault. Now all milk conmen to keep one pilot up in the air,



sacrificing their health for science.

# Is "Big Brother" Watching You?

Anyone who is courageous enough to walk on the fifth floor, may sufinto one of the food lines in the cafeteria, or being trampled by a rapacious horde of famished Madisonians.

This situation has been caused by the closing of the basement lunchmake the fifth floor eating area serve the entire student body.

It is the job of Mr. Saul Bloch to co-ordinate the increased student body eating on the fifth floor. The lunchroom must be run smoothly and efficiently and with strict discipline in order to avoid utter confusion.

Mr. Bloch ("Big Brother") has and varied are the interests and oc- more than made this seemingly uncontrollable situation an orderly one He has installed T.V. cameras behind the lunchroom mirrors which relay a picture of the entire lunchroom to a monitor screen in his office. In addition, he has installed highly sensitive miniature microphones underneath each bench in order to locate more easily those who spoke during silent periods.

At the beginning of the term, fingerprints from food trays were taken For one Saturday each month, and and have secretly been recorded in

What a man is Mr. Saul Bloch and therefore more men who are not surely he must be commended for a But a student stepped forth and serving active duty should volunteer most efficient job well done in a trying situation.

The wild cheers which followed the announcement of the Sing win-

Very often students, teachers, or parents deprecate the underlying

of Sing must annually be reaffirmed. First, it is solely the students who

create and direct the presentation. It is their tireless spirit which serves

as a nucleus for the production. No Broadway show ever produced can

exhibit such exhuberance on the part of its performers. Madison's Sing,

although not professional, makes up what it lacks in polish, with spirit.

adjustment and maturity. It gives boys and girls an opportunity to make

phere. There are no grades given to scripts or dances. The Sing leaders

of a fine show. Although everyone desires to win, the actual class win-

meaning behind those benefits which Madison's Sing or any Sing afford.

The creative effort in backdrop, choreography and script writing

new acquaintances and to strengthen their social poise.

# STAND

#### "South Pacific" at Rivoli

It is a shame that Hollywood loves to tamper with great stage productions. The frills and so-called "touching ups" done by the film studios can almost spoil a stage hit. The hand of the Hollywood moguls is clearly visible in the movie version of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "South Pacific." By the use of color filters, song dubbing, and over-long scenes, they did their best to cover the gold in "Pacific," but the glow of the stage version still outshines the imperfections of the film.

The plot is based on two of James Michener's stories, namely "Our Heroine" - about a Navy nurse who-Photo by Richard Mandel falls in love with a French planter son's students the dangers of an un- EVICTED: Melvin and Alfred are and "Fo' Dolla" — about a Marine being placed in their cages after Lieutenant to whom a Polynesian woman presents her daughter.

The film makers threw an obnoxious and distracting set of color filters around the principal actors, when they sang. The halos of diffuse light were quite out of context with the production. Rossano Brazzi, playing a French plantation owner, and Mitzi Gaynor, playing a Navy nurse, appeared to turn green during a love duet. The classic song, "Some Enchanted Evening," was marked by Brazzi and Gaynor turning a lovely shade of yellow. Could their love have sickened them that much?

This film had everything pulling for it. Tremendous stage success, gan's direction still failed to "click out a hit." The show's original punch was weakened by poor color techniques, voice dubbing and a "seatsquirming" running length. Why must a piece of stage history end up as a "minorpiece?"

# Seniors Capture Sing With 'United Efforts'

By Nancy Scribner

THE Freshman class though very

Was not absent from Sing at all. They introduced the three classes, receiving fine preparation

For next year, when they would put on their own presentation!

THE Sophs found "a roof haven" l easy to boost,

THEIR roost.

Then Percy "the pigeon loving pedagogue," entered the show,

or pigeons must go.

Those DP's (displaced pigeons) would ruin what they sought.

willingly gave His home to the pigeons, the Sopho-

mores were saved! SANTA relied on the Juniors' gen-

erosity, Because his elves quit in a fit of

animosity. So, the Juniors went into the toymaking field,

Hoping that a workshop, Madison High would yield.

The Juniors were willing, they'd make all the toys,

So Santa wouldn't disappoint all the girls and boys. The idea for a workshop on the stage

was evolved. values of a Sing production. Therefore, an understanding of the true spirit And that is how the Junior problem was solved!

NO bring back a moon student that they sought,

The Seniors found harder than they had thought.

This is only the physical aspect of the show. Sing, in addidtion, enables So to make two worlds one, the Seniors endeavored,

Though interplanetary relations the moon king had severed. enables talented pupils to show their ability in a non-scholastic atmos- After efforts to make the two worlds

give much time and energy, with their only reward being the presentation | The moon king conceded, the Seniors were right.

ners are soon forgotten and only the memory of the themes and scripts So back to Earth a moon student they bring,

Those who have never participated in Sing are unable to find any And the Seniors are the victors in



# MARTIN'S MEMO

by Eddie Martin

"Can the Mosketeers withstand the loss of last season's top scorers and still field a winning contingent?" This is a thought that is in the mind of many a loyal Madison rooter.

At James Madison High School, a winning basketball team that is always a contender for the numerous Division, Borough, and City Championships, is a tradition. It is a tradition that began thirty-three years ago when Mr. Jammy Moskowitz took over the reins as coach of Madison's "Big Five." Before we analyze Madison's basketball team position by position, we must take into account that when our team is sent out onto the hardwood it has had the benefit and privilege of being taught by one of the most outstanding coaches in the profession, which is an advantage

There is no doubt that Bobby Lynn's proficiency as an outside set shooter will be missed at Madison. This is one weak spot in our team's offensive. We do not have a consistent outside set shooter who can draw the defensive men out, in order to leave the middle open for the center or for driving layups. However, what we lack in one place we are able to make up in another. Two men, Bill Galantai and Harvey Herer, are returning to the squad this season, both of whom started on last year's team. In addition to them there is Joel Derketsch, who was a frequent substitute.

Captain, center and All-City candidate Billy Galantai is looked for to make up the slack in our offensive unit. On last year's team he was our starting center, and although he was out for much of the season due to injuries he was able to average over thirteen points per game. His strong outside jump-shot kept the middle lane wide open for Ronnie Miller's

sensational drives and his extraordinary rebounding ability (being 6'6") enabled the Mosketeers' offensive machine to function to its fullest

The star defensive ballplayer on the squad is Harvey Herer, who was also one of the starting five on last year's Division I champs. Although Harvey is not a high scorer, his expert ball handling and fine defensive play should spark the team to many victories. Joel Derketsch played frequently last season and he seems to have improved his shooting eye, as he scored seventeen points in an exhibition game against Jefferson, Last season his being overweight posed quite a problem. The coach obviously aware of this played him for short periods only. We cannot recall, where at any time, Joel did more than play a few moments to spell one



Captain Bill Galantai

of the starting five. However, between seasons "big" Joel has trimmed down considerably and with his increased speed and agility, is likely to be a more valuable asset to the team. The loss of Ronnie Miller seemed to be insurmountable problem to the squad but Gary Notice seems to be filling his shoes quite ably. He is a deadly jump-shot artist in addition to having an all around steady game.

Recently a former Madison basketball star, Leon Gecker, who by the way was chosen All-City forward two years ago by the New York Daily News and the New York Post, has worked out with the team and he has said that this year's team is a better all around ball club than the team he had played on. Incidentally, when Leon Gecker played for Madison the Mosketeers were third in the city, losing only to Boys High in the semifinals of the PSAL playoffs.

With the Mosketeers' recent victory over an improved Eastern District formance of the Madison basketball tories over East New York and ond score was now imminent with team, we are able to predict that our team is going to be one of the best in the history of Madison.

# Madison's J.V. Football Squad Instills Hope for Grid Victory

Amid the multitude of dreary disappointments produced by the Var- call the headliners out for a prelimsity Footballers' poor showings, a small but still penetratingly shining light | inary curtain call. emanates from the gridiron. This glow has been produced by the impressive performances of the varsity's young counterparts, the J.V.

With the dearth of football talent obvious in the varsity ranks, the Madison rooter is provided with some satisfaction as he beholds the large scores our Junior Varsity has run up in previous encounters.

"We beat Midwood!! We trounced them 38-0." These jubilant cries fensive and defensive boards. He has echo through the hallways and rebound from the proud tongues of an outstanding shooting eye and faithful Madison partisans.

"Surely it must have been in basketball, not on the gridiron," wonder the incredulous. But it was the football team that submerged their Midwood opponents under a powerful scoring wave. However, the beautiful bubble is burst when the still dubious ask, "Which football team?"

Alas, the truth cannot be withheld and we are forced to answer that the J.V. and not the varsity are the perpetrators of these magnificent Angels, led by Carl Childs, Jerry

and defensive categories.

## J.V. Provides Hope

The Murthamen have afforded us no opportunity for joy and cheering, and so we welcome with open arms our J.V.'s victorious season. The youngsters have provided a ray of hope that a football victory may once waymen partisan thanks them.

# Intramural News

The present intramural boys' basketball season began with a doubleheader rivaling any that Madison Square Garden could possibly pro-

The opener featured a game between the Angels and the Hawks of the school's private league. The Kurtzman, Dave Segal and Gary "But," continues the faithful grid Katz with 12, 8, 8, and 5 points refan, "these are the boys who will be spectively, threw up a zone defense next year's starters." The J.V. boasts which completely stymied their opmany stalwarts in both the offensive ponent's offensive and came out with a 33-22 victory. John Hytewitz and Larry Rand also contributed fine performances in the winning effort.

The nightcap was, in comparison to the first contest, a high and free scoring game. The Aces and the Cats stayed within a basket of each other pace and the Aces broke the game team man. more grace the Madison scoreboard wide open in the final period and

Karen, Dave and Gary

# Mosketeers Outclass Eastern In Court Opener; Victory Eludes Footballers As Ref Recalls T.D.

Grover's Passes Lead Team To Paydirt

By Dave Segal

How does a drowning person feel when he manages to make his way to a floating ship only to lose his grasp and be lost forever? How does the condemned criminal feel when he sees the governor's messenger, bearing his pardon, enter through the prison gate, as the rope tightens around his neck? How does the man perched on a ledge of a building, threatening suicide, when finally persuaded to re-enter the window to safety feel when his first step misses the mark and he finds himself plunging toward oblivion?

#### Touchdown Called Back

If you consider these instances to be among the heights of frustration, try to imagine the horrible feeling experienced by the Madison coaching staff when the game tying touchdown was called back because the referee claimed that our ballcarrier had stepped out of bounds.

The score at that time stood at fourteen to eight in favor of Tilden. The Blue and White's first touchdown came in the second period when Feeny capped a sustained march with a four yard plunge to paydirt. Again Tilden tallied from the four with Boxer toting the pigskin.

The Murthamen finally came to life. Operating predominantly from a "T" formation, Stan Grover's passes led the way. Marino plucked a Grover toss out of the air in the endzone and Vlahakas did likewise to register eight Madison points.

Then came that play!! The Black and Gold had the game won when the referee called the play back. The rest of the game was a spiritless affair, with Tilden's Acker galloping all the way with an intercepted pass to end the scoring at 22-8, but who could blame the Murthamen?

# Curtain Going Up On 58-'59 Mosketeers

team. They made their 1958-59 debut Brooklyn Automotive by the scores only two minutes played in the first One, sitting in the balcony, might ances, let us look at the playbill. Names like Seiler, Derketsch, Baken ne next showing takes place let's

## Hoop Playbill

BILLY GALANTAI — Center — His 6'6" stature gives him the added height needed to clear both the ofstrong rebounding ability. This year the big man should top last year's the clock doesn't strike twelve. 236 point season total and 13.9 scoring average. Billy is a likely candidate for All-City honors.

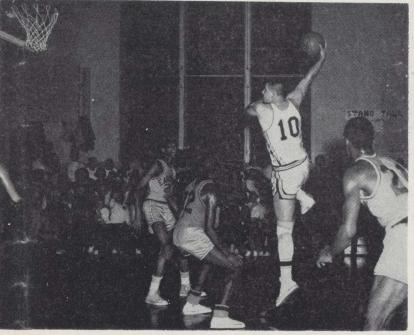
Starting his second year of varsity ball, Harvey will be a vital cog in Madison's basketball prospects. As the key defensive man on the team, he adds color and spirit to the play.

GARY NOTICE — Guard —5'11". We expect to being seeing Gary demonstrating his driving layup this year, his best shot, and also his outside jump-shot is expected to chalk up many points for the Mosketeers.

JOEL DERKETSCH — Forward — 6'4". Joel made a great showing at Madison's scrimmages (dress rehearsals) and because of his improved shooting Mr. Moskowitz is looking towards him as a potential big scorer.

CHUCK BAKEN — Back Court for three quarters. However, the in the starting lineup this season. He Mosketeers, under the inspiration of plished with the aid of five of Madi- Lou Howort improved his by over Cats couldn't maintain the grueling is a good ball handler and a steady their frenzied cheering section, ral- son's starting varsity.

going up!



Sheeber of Jefferson took the open-

ing kick-off on his own thirty yard

As he approached a hoard of tacklers

Finally the Murthamen took over

ferson's defensive line. The Orange

DEADLY . . . "Big" Bill Galantai towers above the baffled Eastern District defenders as he goes up for one of his many accurate hook shots to pad his 26 point performance.

# Jefferson Trounces Murthamen **Before Empty Cheering Sections**

By Larry Rand

The Madison footballers returned to the gridiron after a three week layoff, but neither three weeks nor three years could help the Highwaymen snap their 20 game losing streak. The villains of this ignominious defeat were the Orange and Blue from Jefferson, who massacred the Murthamen before a sparsely filled grandstand almost devoid of Madison rooters. It seemed as if the late arrivals, the Cheerleaders, covered more yardage than the Highwaymen that afternoon.

# Soccermen Conclude Fruitful Initial Year marker and raced for the sidelines.

An amazing transformation, rival- he handed off on a reverse to Golding Cinderella's pumpkin changing smith who scampered the remaining into a royal carriage in its unbeliev- fifty yards to the goal line. The able characteristics, has occurred to points after touchdown were good, Madison's newest standard bearers, and after eight seconds of play Madithe soccer team. Originally rated as son was again on the tail end of the a weak squad, due to the lack of ex- score, 8-0. perience in the sport, the team has been changed like the pumpkin, into the offensive. Unfortunately, the bark something wondrous — a solid unit of the Madison offensive was a mere with a major scoring punch and a squeak compared to the roar of Jefstrong defense.

Whose magic wand was waved and Blue's offensive team returned On the fourteenth of November over the team, no one knows, but the to the field summoned by the recovthe curtain rose on the first per- effects have led the Finomen to vic- ery of a Madison fumble. Their secagainst Eastern District High School. of 2-1, and 3-1, respectively. Our quarter. wand waver must have been workhave found recognizing the players ing overtime as the Booters eeked riod, the Jeffs started to move again very difficult. During the perform- out a 1-1 tie with Wingate as Mickey but time, and only time alone, was Greenberg deadlocked the score.

No one rated the team as capable up score after score to roll to a 44and Reich may be new to you. Before of winning at all, but the Kickers victory. have made those who spoke this way, retract their statements. Mickey four goals and Ira Berlin follows closely with three. Due to the improved playing of goalie Stan Goldberg, the defense has tightened up chance to operate to its fullest capacrolling along, we sincerely hope that

#### Coursters Continue Annual HARVEY HERER — Guard —6'1". Encounter With Boys High

With the blessed end of Midterms realized and the wonderful Thanksgiving weekend ahead, what better way to celebrate your elation than by attending the thrilling traditional hoop rivalry between our Mosketeers and the Fisherman of Boys High?

Both teams consistently field strong contingents with the imprint of championship caliber strongly visible. This contest also brings together two of the best basketball coaches in the city, Jammy Moskowitz and Mickey Fisher.

## Thrilling Game Predicted

Last year's Boys game at Madison was just an indication of the type championship contests. 5'11". Chuck will be the fifth man of contest usually provided. The ping score of 55-53.

Just as a new born colt takes his first uncertain steps, falters, falls, struggles to rise and finally begins to walk, so did the newest bearers of the Mosketeer heritage seem shaky at first but righted themselves and ran powerfully away from an outclassed Eastern District five, 68-

**Bill Galantai Dominates** 

Scoring With 26

By Dave Segal

In the opening minutes of the game it seemed as if the loss of Miller, Lynn and Ryan was too much to bear as the Mosketeers played sloppy basketball, throwing the ball away and taking bad shots. Although they were never really behind by much, the Hoopsters did not seem to work as a unit. The individual shooting of Billy Galantai and Chuck Baken kept the team out in front by a 15-9 score at the end of the first period.

The second quarter showed the Mosketeers begin to come to life as they displayed some snappy passes, good shots, and clever dribbling against the Eastern press. However, despite the Madisonians' fine offensive play, their zone defense was repeatedly cracked by Eastern's Dunson who kept them close at half time, 32-26.

It was the third stanza when the Mosketeers reached full stride and began to run away from their opponents. Accurate shooting by Billy Galantai, Harvey Herer, Chuck Baken and Gary Notice, and repeatedly successful fast breaks led by Baken and Notice, made possible by rebounding of Galantai and Derketsch, sent the Highwaymen to a 51-38 lead, where they were never caught.

#### Team Functions As Unit

The team worked well as a unit with Baken and Notice directing them in the backcourt, Galantai and Derketsch doing the bulk of the rebounding and Herer with his driving and shooting from inside. Galantai wound up the game's leading scorer with 26 points. Herer's 15, Baken's 10 and Notice's 9 helped lead the Mosketeers to their first victory of the season and hearten their rooters with an excellent brand of basketball at its finest.

П	only two minutes played in the first	MADISON (68)		EASTERN (52)					
	quarter.		FG	FT	T		FG	FI	T
1		Herer	4	7	15	Berkowitz	0	4	4
	Towards the end of the first pe-	Notice	3	3	9	Mendez	5	6	16
1		Galantai	10	6	26	Dunson	5	4	14
	riod, the Jeffs started to move again,	Baken	4	2	10	Rice	0	8	8
.	but time, and only time alone, was	Derketsch	1	0		Arington	2	0	4
1		Mains	2	0		Sinclair	2	0	4
1	able to stop the attack as they racked	Weitsen	1	0		Sampson	1	0	2
		Seiler	0	0	0	Dampoon	-	0	~
	up score after score to roll to a 44-0	Reich	0	0	0				
	victory.					THE STATE			
1	victory.	Totals	25	18	68	Totals	15	22	52

# Greenberg leads the scoring with HARRIERS TAKE "FLATBUSH CHAMPS" BY DEFEATING LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS

considerably, giving the offense a sky and over the hilly terrain of the ders finished one-two. Almost ditough Van Cortlandt Park, Madison's rectly behind them were Lou Howort ity. As long as the soccer team keeps cross-country squad captured first and Jeff Seide who finished fourth place in the annual "Flatbush Champs and sixth respectively and Phil Ho-Meet." This fine culmination to a wort who rounded out the scorers very successful season was accom-



TUNING UP: Madison's Cross Country team prepares for forthcoming of the season Captain Jelinski im-

lied from a first quarter deficit to The Krinskymen copped the Flat- Howort, Ed Scott and Jeff Seide next The buzzer has sounded again. overtake their opponents in the final bush Championship by subduing year, it appears that the two and oneand for this, every despondent High- came out on top of a 59-45 score. Seats everyone — the curtain is seconds and win by the heart stop- Erasmus, Midwood and Wingate, last half milers will enjoy another great year's titleholders.

On November 11, under a sunny | Danny Jelinski and Bernie Sanby finishing twentieth. The other varsity members running at the meet were Jerry Leitman and Bob Pal-

The PSAL City Championship Meet was held on the eighth of November. In this meet the Black and Gold made an excellent showing also. Out of fifty schools we finished in eighth place with Bernie Sanders and Lou Howort, the lone scorers.

## Place Second in Brooklyn

In the Brooklyn Champs Meet Madison finished second to Brooklyn Automotive. In this event Bernie Sanders placed third, Lou Howort fourth, Captain Danny Jelinski eleventh and Jeff Seide seventeenth.

The club is very happy with its present showings. In the last meet proved his best time for the season by over-twenty-five seconds, while one minute. With the return of Phil

# Clubs' Programs Get Under Way Math Team Is In Anticipation Of Full Schedules Set For Meets

The program of Madison's recently formed clubs is well under way, and their full schedules promise many memorable experiences for all members.

The Philosophy Club, under the leadership of Mr. George Bailin, is planning a trip to the Museum of Modern Art. Mr. Albert Sarney, of Madison's Art Department, lectured to the club on the history of art. The club had a theatre party that went to see the off-Broadway show, "Blood Wedding." The "philosophers" plan many outings, theatre parties, and and co-captain George Glaubiger. The meetings during which the members will read original poems and stories.

Visiting elementary and junior® high schools is the present activity | School Spirit Groups ers Club. The club members are presently obtaining permission from principals to visit several public schools. Mr. Richard Chernick is the club's faculty adviser.

#### Theatre Club

formed two workshops: The Actors and Directors Workshop, and the term. Scenic and Costume Designing Workshop. Actors and Directors Workshop meets on Mondays and Wednesdays during the third period (for PM students) and the PM official and ninth placed Miss Elizabeth E. Horne as and Alan Wolfe. periods (for AM members). The meetings of the Scenic and Costume Designing Workshop are held on Tuesdays, also during the third, PM official, and ninth periods. Every Friday there is a meeting of all factions

The Theatre Club is organizing a theatre party to see "Oedipus Rex." An exhibition for the halls of Madison is being planned by the Scenic and Costume Designing Workshop of the Theatre Club.



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faculty adviser to Boosters.

Cheerleaders have already held their interviews which were open to all sophomore and junior girls. At the tryouts the girls were taught the motions for several cheers, and then were required to display how adept they were at cheering. Cheerleaders in the 80's. All State Colleges, includmust attend all football and basket-Miss Adele Tebbe.

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Mr. Murray Navon has become the new Math Team coach, replacing the late Mr. Avner Mendelsohn in this capacity.

The Math Team, which meets every day during the eighth period, is headed by captain Stuart Nagler official team is the Senior League, made up of: Steve Drogin, Paul Feder, Robert Goldenberg, Martin Itzkowitz, Phyllis Kravet, Alan Miller, Robert Pollet, David Rubin, Steve Seide, Mike Shub, Robert Stern, Stanley Tenen, and Ben Wein-

Eighteen new members have been ers, Cheerleaders and Twirlers, will chosen this year for the junior team. Richard Fass, Robert Goldwasser, Booster tryouts will take place Judy Lazarus, Barry Mittag, Richard after Thanksgiving, and only jun- Needleman, Robert Putz, Martin iors will be considered for admis- Seldman, Daniel Shapiro, Joseph sion, Mrs. Barbara Schneider has re- Spindel, Judy Stern, Alan Willen,

The Math Team will hold its first meet November 21.

# College Confab

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ball games. Their faculty adviser is ingdale, and Maritime College at Fort effort to aid the lower grades. This," The Twirlers' initial interview will examination instead of College Board of Sing."

Mr. Tilley, of the College on Long the Madison Scholarship Fund. Island at Oyster Bay, discussed this The judging for Sing is cumulanew State Teachers College. Basical- tive; each judge gives his own rating, accommodate 10,000 students.

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# Hebrew Awards

The following are the recipients of the language awards in Hebrew which were presented at Commencement exercises in June 1958.

The Hebrew Culture Council awarded undergraduate Vera Krancer its medal of excellence in the study of Hebrew for four

The James Madison High School Medal was presented to Sheila Greene, who graduated last June. for her excellence in the study of Hebrew for three years.

Ada Kaster and Jerrold Levy, both undergraduates, were the recipients of the James Madison High School Certificates in Hebrew study for three years.

# Sing

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other Freshman chorus served as a general introduction to the Sing. Importance of Sing

Speaking to a small group of stuance of Sing, Mr. Posner said, "Sing visers take as small a part as pos- noteworthy performances. sible. In addition, while seemingly competitive, the essence of Sing is The pep songs and alma maters were the classes. The more experienced and mapped out by Phyllis Roberts ing Teachers Colleges, Harpur, Farm- | Seniors gave willingly their time and | and Barbara Fern Yudow, the book-Schuyler, require a special entrance he concluded, "is the real importance

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ly, it is a Liberal Arts College, how- and the class with the highest total ever, instruction for high school is declared the winner. The two basic teaching in math and science is of- standards of judging for Sing are fered. Ultimately this college will theme and performance. Aside from a rating given to the theme itself, Mr. Johnson, of C. W. Post College each of the following is given an at Greenvale, is expected to visit assessment on its relationship to the Madison in the near future. C. W. theme; lyrics this year was won by drop, also won by the Seniors. The College Office urges all stu- The Juniors took the prize for dance, dents to watch the bulletin board while the Sophomores won for skits. carefully for information regarding These topics are then given a second evaluation based on performance.

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Did you notice the Sing programs? co-operative, both within and among printed in the pamphlet. Compiled

Your SGO fills your open dates office is buzzing. Dances are being with entertainment. The Jazz Conplanned, selections and elections are cert and Dance will fill the auditobeing prepared for, and election plat- rium with melody, harmony and forms are being put into effect. The rhythm. The concert is planned for commissions are already functioning. Friday evening, December 12, 1958.

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Selections are coming up soon. Any ber 15. A departure from our usual SGO member who is interested and Friday night dances, this ball was who wishes to run for office should held on a Saturday night. The Sing watch the bulletin board for notices band of each class provided music pertaining to the coming election. for the festivities. The Senior class, When the time comes, exercise your

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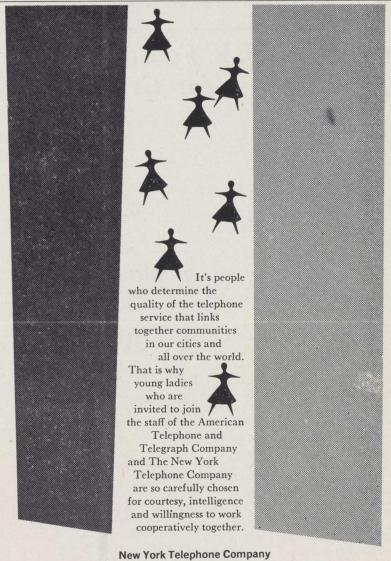
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