

## Basketballers stop foes; ready skills for Benson

by Steve Johnson

With an ever improving bench, the Generals will travel to Benson tonight to tussle with the tall Techmen at 8. Madison will be the opponent next Tuesday on their home court.

Benson's Engineers are undoubtedly set for tonight's important battle. They are currently battling to regain first place in the Red Division. The Techmen are by no means out of it, either.

"This Benson team is going to be very tough. They are tall, but somewhat slow. So far they have been strictly a zone team to utilize their height under the basket," commented Coach Ed Rooney.

Mr. Rooney also noted that fans could expect to see the G-men run and press against Benson. Doug Pierce has been a top scorer for the team all season. Their tall front line features a promising freshman in 6'6" Richard Washington.

"Madison resembles Benson, in that they have a tall front line. I think that we can beat them, though, with our speed and depth," Mr. Rooney said.

The Senators are currently in first place in the Red Division. They boast two of the top scorers in the league in Buddy Baynard and Tom Wise. Dave Whiteaker, a strong rebounder, also lends a hand.

"I am depending heavily on our bench, but I am confident they will bring us through. Artie

Wilson and Greg Schukart have been our steadiest performers as of late," Mr. Rooney added.

Currently the Generals have a 12 win and 2 loss record and are in second place, one game behind Jefferson.

## Sergeants boast perfect 14-0 slate

Boasting a 14-0 record, the junior varsity basketball squad now goes into the second round seeking a perfect, undefeated season.

Coach Stan Williams, in his first season, has been using his junior and sophomore groups in alternating quarter. "This system has been working out pretty good so far," Mr. Williams stated.

The junior lineup includes: Dave Brantley, Pat Walker, Mike Rooney, Nick Rulli, Steve Russell, and Terry Michaelson. They usually play the first and third quarters.

One sophomore squad consists of Roger Terrall, Scott Heller, Tom Haaga, Kevin McCune, and Craig Deardorff. Another squad, that Mr. Williams feels is improving steadily, includes Ron Hartley, Glenn Ross, Dave Schwartz, Stan Cage, and Don Rasmussen.

The team scoring has been very well balanced thus far. Starting time for JV games is 6:00 on Fridays and 5:30 for Tuesday and Saturday games.

## Cogill Comments

by Gary Cogill

Breaking the communications gap between boys from different nations tends to be very difficult sometimes, but the recent case with the touring champions from Mexico was handled very well by the members of the coaching staff and wrestling team.

For one day and night the champions from Mexico were hosted by members of the varsity wrestling team. They stayed in the homes of the team members and lived a normal American life. They ate meals ranging from pizzas to steaks to tacos, and watched television while saying, "NO comprehendendo."

Carrying on a conversation with the foreign friends was very difficult, because they understood very little English. Fortunately they all wrestled and experienced the same aches and pains of losing weight.

When asked in a round-about way what they really enjoyed while they stayed here in Portland, it was answered very openly that Portland has very many attractive females. More than once the words "good looking" came from their mouths.

One disappointing feeling came about when it was time for our friends to move on to McMinnville where they had another wrestling encounter the next day. It was disappointing in the fact that they had to leave just when everyone was getting to be real good friends.

It wasn't just like meeting someone from another country, but it was like discovering a whole new world. It's quite an experience just to meet one of them, and many friendships were made that could very well be brought out again in the future.

## Two-mile relayers, Robert Bates win in MC Invitational

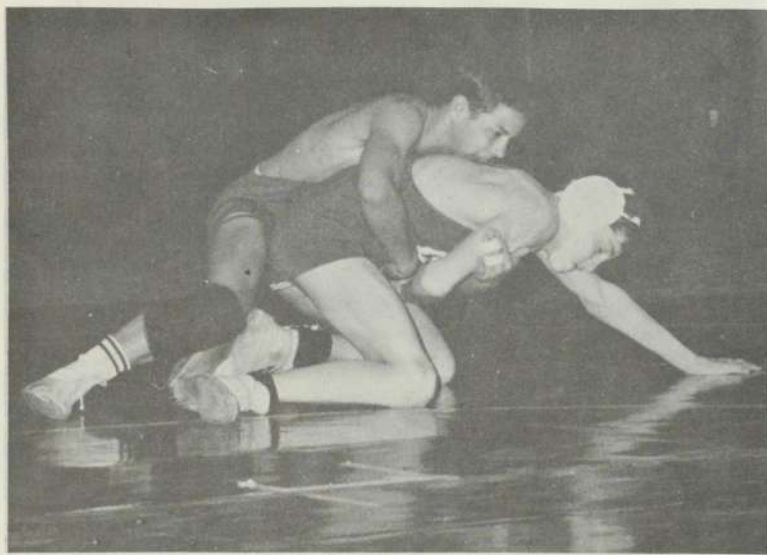
"Our strategy was to pace ourselves. We wanted to have the lead at the end of each of our legs, which we did," stated senior Don Johnson, a member of Grant's victorious two-mile relay team.

Memorial Coliseum was the site of the Oregon Invitational Track and Field Meet, held last Saturday night. Grant's two-mile relay team and Robert Bates, a senior, were winners.

Bates ran in the 60-yard dash for high school athletes and was clocked in 6.4 seconds.

The relay team, consisting of Johnson, John Othus, Mark Powell, and Scott Jackson, won going away.

Carolyn Walker, Linda Hornbuckle, and Steve Rooney also represented Grant in the meet.



TERRY RALSLEY, a member of our varsity wrestling team, pits his strength against his opponent from Mexico. Terry was defeated by his foe at 101 lbs.

## PIL matmen reverse score; Mexican champions defeated

When international wrestling comes to Portland or any other city the result is usually in favor of the touring team, but the outcome was completely reversed last week as a strong team representing Grant, Marshall, and Benson upset the touring Mexican champions, 5½ to 2½ in the Grant gym.

An estimated crowd of about 700 spectators saw the Mexican national champions take a slim lead in the early matches, but later let it disappear to the stronger P.I.L. team.

Gaining victories for the P.I.L. team included J. Jackson and B. Veale from Benson, G. Cory and Jeff Mann from Marshall, and

Ray Denfeld from Grant. Bob Nearing from Marshall registered the only tie of the evening.

One of the highlights of the evening was the bout in which Jeff Mann of Marshall pinned his opponent towards the end of a close match, followed by Ray Denfeld's 1-0 decision at 160 lbs.

All of the proceeds that are made throughout the state from these international wrestling meets are sent towards sending a team from Oregon to Mexico on a similar tour. The only way for a wrestler to get the chance to be on an exchange team is if he competes and wins in the annual A.A.U. tournament held at the end of the season.

Both Don and John are wearing body shirts with Apache scarves by Da Vinci and striped flare bottom pants. A new stock including shirts and pants has just arrived. Many colors and designs to choose from.

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## Wrestlers ready for Marshall; as dual meet season near end

by Gary Cogill

Tonight the varsity wrestling team pits their skills against a very strong team from Marshall and the result could very well mean the dual meet championship.

Last year the Generals were downed by Marshall, but the General grapplers feel confident

that they can overcome last year's defeat.

According to Coach Shewbert, Marshall has a very strong lineup all the way through. Standouts for the Minutemen include Bob Nearing at 115 lbs., Jeff Mann at 157 lbs., Jeff Toberg at 178 lbs., and 6-ft. 10-inch 280-lb. Craig Talent at heavyweight.

Match time is scheduled for 8 p.m. here in the new gym.

Last week the varsity wrestling team upped their record to 8-0 by downing Madison and Franklin by scores of 35-10 and 35-12, respectively.

Gaining victories at Franklin were Craig Johnson, Terry Baisley, Barry Hasson, Bill Curry and Bill Lott. Also scoring points for the team were Ray Denfeld, Gary Cogill, Larry Yakymi, and Kurt Sauvola, who got the Generals' only pin.

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