

# Skateboarding Is Here To Stay

by David Teague

A new name has been added to the ever-growing list of fads. Now, along with the hula-hoop, and the yo-yo, we have the skateboard. The difference between this fad and the others is that it does not appear to be a passing one.

In just the past year the sale of skateboards has increased at an unbelievable rate. A 14-year old Californian has made approximately \$20,000 by traveling around the country demonstrating his skateboarding skills. A group of skateboarding fans are even trying to get it entered in the Olympics.

Why has the sport become so popular? "It's popular because it doesn't cost a lot of money like skiing or motorcycle riding," says sophomore Carl Hanlon. "It's inexpensive and it's fun."

The popularity of the sport has increased despite the protests of some people who think that it is too dangerous. According to Carl and sophomore Bucky Youngblood, the danger comes in attempting to do something beyond one's capabilities.

"If someone sees a stunt on TV and then goes out and tries to do it, then it's dangerous," Carl stated. "Otherwise, it depends on the risk you put into it. Every sport has



a little bit of danger.'

"The hardest part is finding your point of balance," Bucky said. "You've got to get your center of gravity before you can do it."

Skateboarding requires very little equipment except for a skateboard, pads, gloves, and a helmet. The price of a skateboard ranges anywhere from \$9.00 to \$100.00 depending on the kind it is.

Both Carl and Buck, who have been skateboarding for ten months and one year respectively, recommend a wooden (stiff) skateboard for beginners. After that it is up to the rider as to what he prefers, wooden or fiberglass.

For those interested, MAC will have a Skateboard Olympics later on in the year.

## Advanced Life Savers

The following persons successfully completed the Advanced Life-Saving course offered at MAC making them eligible to be Lifeguards anywhere there's water! The course was difficult to say the least.

Barb Barrett, Dave Benard, Margaret Bender, Eddie Blanchard, Arlene Burns, Patty Colcord, Allen Crawford, Sylvia Crawford, Jack Edwards, George Edwards, George Foster, Greg Green, Flipper, Mark Grubb, Mark Jackson, Sue Johnson, Charles Massey, Leslie Milling, Marcella Patterson, Caroline Shealy, Tim Shutes, Moby Dick, Scott Spalding, Cole Wells, Sarah Wetzel Lee Anna Williams, Carrie Wolfenden; instructors, Penny Nichols and Genny Peesling.

## Weather, Match Times Delay Tennis

MAC's annual Mixed Doubles Tournament got underway 3 weeks ago, but due to inclement weather and trouble in having feasible match times only about half of the scheduled Round-robin is complete. The purpose of the tournament is to give prospective MAC men and women tennis team players a chance to sharpen their skills during

the off-season. Teams for this event are: Wells-Lopes, Farmer-Scarborough, Meadows-Lefler, Call-Raxler (withdrawn), Dunkerton-Finch, Stashe-OKelly, and Folker-Issacson. Matches thus far have gone as follows: Wells-Lopes defeats Farmer-Scarborough 6-3, 6-0. Meadows-Lefler over Call-Raxler by forfeit. Stashe-OKelly defeats Dunkerton-Finch 6-1, 6-0. Farmer-

Scarborough over Call-Raxler by forfeit. Folker-Issacson defeats Dunkerton-Finch 6-2, 6-2. Wells-Lopes over Call-Raxler by forfeit. Farmer-Scarborough defeats Meadows-Burton 6-1, 6-2. Stashe-OKelly defeats Folker-Issacson 6-3, 6-3. Wells-Lopes defeats Dunkerton-Finch 6-1, 6-0. Folker-Issacson defeat Meadows-Burton 6-3, 6-7, 6-2. More matches to come!



MEMBERS OF THE VOLLEYBALL TEAM FROM LEFT TO RIGHT STARTING WITH TOP ROW — COACH PENNY NICHOL. KAREN WILLIAMSON. SUE DAUGHTERY. LEE ANNA WILLIAMSON. ARLENE BURNS. AND CAROL MARKS. BOTTOM ROW — HOLLICE GUNTER. CAROLYN SHEALY. CARRIE WOLFENDEN. LINDA TORRENCE. AND ANNE KIRPATRICK.



INTRAMURAL FOOTBALL ENTHUSIASTS. SEE LETTER TO THE EDITOR ON PAGE TWO.

## Baseball Team Optimistic

Every year, in order to train for the spring baseball season, the Cavalier baseball team plays approximately eight winter games. The purpose of these games, according to team captain Dale Capps, is to get the team together and to work on fundamentals. The teams they play are the same teams they will face during the regular season.

Statistics are not kept during the winter season, but the games give the team opportunity to place the players in their best positions.

The team optimism for the spring season is running high. "Both the infield and the outfield look

strong," Dale commented. "We've got depth at every position."

Pitcher Donnie McKenzie stated that the team will be a lot better than last year's team which had a 20-16 record and went undefeated in the Christian College Tournament in Florida.

Dale also stated that some players to watch will be first baseman Gary Tolbert, shortstop Johnny Wall, outfielder Vic McKinney and pitchers Rusty Pullian, Johnny Connors, Rick Haney, and Donny McKenzie.

The Cavaliers are directed by Coach Linn Stranak.

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