5-4-3-2-1 Tomorrow the Stars

By *Janet Baptiste*

It is one minute to zero in an X-15 countdown which began 24 hours earlier. Tucked under the right wing of a B-52 aircraft, the X-15 is about 45,000 feet over Mud Lake, Nevada. The X-15 pilot is conducting final checkout:

Engine master switch ON
Prime switch ON
Pump idle
Igniter idle
Arm ventral jettisoned
Final OK

The B-52 pilot moves the master arming switch to ON. The X-15 pilot starts radio countdown 5-4-3-2-1.

DROP!

Before you know it you will be undergoing a new way of transportation known as space travel, according to a representative of the Southeast School Assemblies who spoke to the Mary Potter Student Body recently.

Beginning a series of instruments and flights on "Tomorrow — the Stars," I am attempting to acquaint the listeners with these," said the representative: The Freedom 7 traveling 115 miles into space, landing 15 minutes and 302 miles away from his liftoff point at Cape Kennedy, Florida; an orbiting T.V. camera 430 miles above the earth relaying pictures of a 1,500 mile diameter storm over the North Atlantic; the manned space flight by Alan B. Shepard, Jr., the first step in Project Mercury; the Echo's progress and the radio "ham" whose receiver caught Explorer's beep in space.

Hands sweating, knees knocking, heart palpitating, the NASA is seeking the exploration of space by (1) manned spacecraft; by (2) unmanned spacecraft; and by (3) the development of a family of launch vehicles or boosters to lift the spacecraft into orbit or on paths to the planets and the sun.

Unmanned space flight plans are well under way, continued the representative. Rockets explore the atmosphere many miles above the earth measuring temperatures and winds. Satellites whirl around the earth. Tiros take pictures of weather. Echo reflects signals between receiving stations. Lunar missions are soon to be tried and interplanetary missions are planned.

The family of launch vehicles is being planned. There are plans for space probes, earth satellites, lunar landings, and manned spacecrafts which require a variety of launch vehicles or boosters. The NASA will build all of these in the future.

Research on food for space flight and how prolonged periods of weightlessness will affect breathing, eating, sleeping and working, and how isolation over long periods of time will affect the mind may pave the way to improved medical practices, predicted the speaker.

These and other fascinating things happening today are due to the work of the NASA.

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A Pause That Refreshes

By *Mary Rogers*

GOIN' STEADY

When a guy around here likes a certain girl, he takes one of her hair clips and wears it on his left collar It means he's "clipped" to her. Looks toughest on Ivy League shirts.

FASHION FLASHES

If you are getting tired of your white tennis shoes, put buttons of all colors and sizes on them. It really perks them up.

Here's a new idea for a belt — take two dog collars and lock them together. It looks very sporty with Bermudas, slacks. a sports dress, etc.

Here's an easy way to tell what hairdo would be most flattering to your face. Get as close as you can to a mirror that is twice as long and wide as your head. Take a moistened piece of soap and trace the shape of your face, eyes, lips, etc. Then draw several hair styles on the mirror, and see which is most becoming.

Wear a lighter shade of lipstick on your upper lip and a darker shade on your lower lip.

FADS AND FANCIES

If you want to surprise your friends with a different sort of letter, write on adding machine paper. Do it the cool way, lengthwise.

KOOKIE KLASSIFICATIONS

Freshman: One who doesn't know that he doesn't know.
Sophomore: One who knows that he doesn't know.
Junior: One who doesn't know that he knows.
Senior: One who knows that he knows.

COOLOQUIALISMS

Around here someone who is "in" or real cool is considered "real rank."
Anything that is a blast is "A-1" or "Top Stuff."
Someone who is a lot of fun on a date is "raunchy."
A square is a "weird one."
A cute boy or girl is a "real cool-head."

Famous Comedians Seen on Campus

A comparisoin has shown that we have many students who greatly remind us of many famous comedians.

The Three Stooges—Loney, Jimmy and Smith Evans
Jimmy Durante—Arnold Davis
Speck Rose—Robert Taylor
Jerry Lewis—Ira Leverette
Red Skelton—James Jeffers
Jackie Gleason—Anthony Miller
Lucille Ball—Lucinda Thornton
Mom's Mabley—Phyllis DuPree
Bud Abbott and Lou Costello—Walter Woodson and Johnny Bass
Pig Meat Markham — William Peace
Amos and Andy—Tommy Cates and Arnold Davis
Burns and Allen—Tony Chandler and Frances McAllister
The Kingfish—Robert Brown
Dick Van Dyke—Ronald Miller
Cid Caesar—Eugene Gee
Minnie Pearl—Gwendolyn Flem-
Mickey Rooney—Clarence Hunt
Jack Paar—Calvin Gregory
Walter Brennan—Donnell Evans

Boys Like Fashions Too

What Boys Think Of Girl' Fashions

Recently, a survey was conducted to determine what the boys at Mary Potter think of their fairer classmates' fashions. Here are the results of the poll, based upon such questions as the following:

"What do you think of short skirts shifts, and other styles?"

The majority of the fellows, 38.8%, thought that the girls' skirts should be longer.

On the issue of shifts 13.9% thought that this issue of dress was O.K.

Other percentages were 11.3% in favor of tighter clothes, 8.3% in favor of shorter skirts, and 5.5% in favor of other styles of clothing. It seems that the fashion designers, men, of course, know women as well as men's tastes.

M. P. Students View President's Caisson

Two Mary Potter students, Robert Hester, Jr. and Lazzlo Hester viewed the late President's body in the Rotunda of the Capitol.

These students waited in line several hours and finally passed by the caisson at 3:00 a. m. Monday.

Build For The Future

It may be that the past year has not been all you had wished or hoped. Mourn not over the "dead past." Rather, improve the present. If you have been saddened, you have also had experiences which, if properly understood, have given you a richer hold upon life and a deeper appreciation of things.

After all, the building for the future is the main thing.

'Ram' Being Completed

The 1964 Mary Potter Yearbook Staff has announced that "The Ram" for 1964 is in the process of being completed.

The first quarter of the book was sent to Delmar Printing Company on November 15.

Advertisements and patrons are being solicited to help finance the yearbook.

CHECK-UP TIME

We Challenge You

By *Deidre Wimbush*

Test your knowledge with these questions and answers from the pages of *What Do You Know:*

1. Who said "A written life is almost as rare as a well-spent one?"
2. Who said "A useless life is an early death?"
3. Is Boston, Mass., farther north than Berlin, Germany?
4. Did the Crusades take place in the 10th Century?
5. Is a fathom six feet long?
6. Is killing a brother called matricide?
7. If you took a Caribbean cruise, would you be able to visit Rio de Janeiro or Jamaica?
8. Where are the following buried: [illegible], Ulysses Grant, Calvin Coolidge?
9. Where did Washington take command of the American army?
10. Match these opposites correctly:

____1. Neurotic	a. improper
____2. legible	b. solid
____3. fragile	c. extravagant
____4. decorous	d. undecipherable
____5. parsimonious	e. healthy

ANSWERS

1. Carlyle in "Essays"; 2. Goethe in "Iphigenia Auf Tauris"; 3. No, farther south; Boston 42 W. Lat.; Berlin 52 W. Lat.; 4. No, the 11th through the 15th Centuries; 5. Yes; 6. No, fratricide; 7. Jamaica; 8. Oyster Bay, N. J.; New York City; Plymouth, Vermont; 9. Cambridge, Mass. 10. Matching: 1—e, 2—d, 3—b, 4—a, 5—c.

M. P. TEENAGERS ARE FASHION CONSCIOUS

Mary Potter teenagers are keeping in high fashion with the short, taupe woolen trench coat, woolen trousers and turtle-neck pullovers, especially appropriate for the country when strolling with a Beagle for his daily exercise.

The quick click of black and white is displayed in a vest and straight stemmed pants. The yawning turtle - neck sweaters are always appropriate if M. P. students wish to play golf at the famous Raleigh Meadowbrook Club.

A three piece wool knit suit is also the hit for a change of pace for a long week-end of golfing, socializing, and walking.

The ever conscious "Potter" youth aims for "sharp" stylish separates made of knit or sueded cowhide for country days.

For bowling the latest fashion-conscious youngster wears the Coachman skirt and the bleeding madras blouse.

Heads will turn when a Mary Potter student steps in the Glass House in Henderson, N. C., in a fur coat—really kid, double buttoned and back-belted. The silhouette is really a stunning eye-catcher.

Yes, the fashion conscious teenager can dance a fast Watusi, the Slop and Mashed Potatoes while wearing a black woolen crepe dress which may be a shift, a tunic, or a simple dress with a full skirt.

To accompany these stunning fashions, a pair of Russian boots, a pair of square-toed shoes, or Hush Puppies will complete the outfit.

Certainly these fabulous fashions will soothe the Mary Potter teenager's desire for a short period of time and keep Dad's pocketbook closed temporarily.

JANET BAPTISTE, Mary Potter senior, likes the look of this balloon type party dress. The jacket is accentuated with long tapering sleeves. The skirt is knee length with bouffant hip lines.

Ten Commandments For The New Year

Give up worry.
Begin each day with a prayer.
Don't greet people with suspicion.
Accept your limitations.
Control your appetites.
Don't envy the other fellow.
Get a hobby.
Read a book a week.
Spend some time alone.
Take physical exercise.

Rabbi Feinberg

Chest Expansions

From a survey taken around Mary Potter, it has been found that those men with large chest expansions of 40" or more are apt to be scholars. This fact is shown by such examples as, Hulon Joseph Drew with a chest expansion of 40" and Roy Bass, Jr., with a chest expansion of 41½".

Versatility is shown in chest expansions like that of pool-playing-editor of the yearbook, Ernest Bibby, with a chest expansion of 29" and Henry Burwell, football-playing-guitar-picker with a chest expansion of 39¼" Others who fall in between are French-speaking football player William Taylor with a chest expansion of 39". Ham-radio - operating, journalist, Joseph Colson with a chest expansion of 33", and basketball-player-chemist George Angus Tyler with a chest expansion of 39½".

Chest expansions show many other things. Claude Anderson, that amazing track star-bus driver's chest expansion of 37", shows coordination. Dancing-actor Leonard Platt boasts his ego by presenting a chest expansion of 38½".

Can you boast as these chest expanders have done?

What does your chest expansion show?

Freshman's Fear of High School Unwarranted

By *Francine Chavis*

The dread and apathy for entering high school dated back perhaps to the early primary years, when I watched with regret my sister change from a leisuely playful, elementary student to a busy, serious-minded girl whose arms were loaded to capacity with homework. I feel sure that her chilling attitude toward our games and frolics of the past, instilled in me a dread for high school, which only my first year of actual experiences in school could temper.

I visualized my prescribed courses as being taught by specialized demagogues, whose devotion was only their work, and whose interest was in seeking that their work was done. In other words, I felt that I, as an individual, would be just another number in class.

To me, the sophistication which marked some students' airs at Mary Potter was, I thought, born of deep rooted scorn and selfishness. I could never adopt this air, so more than likely, I would be just a lonely, struggling, friendless creature there.

My uncalled for dreads ended definitely during my first few hours after entrance. I found myself in company with hundreds of other first year students who shared some of my fears. Together we saw the fallacies of our imaginations disappear to our amusement. We were greeted by teachers who took pleasure in charting for us our way, and a student body that was friendly and helpful.

The desire to dig deep is now a way of life. The future is challenging, and I am developing purposeful and wholesome concepts of high school values.