

● THESE TWO SENIORS, Charlie Moss, left, and Don DeCamp, right, make up the crack Grizzly weight division on the track squad.

# Grizzly track squad wins annual invitational meet

● AFTER TWO previous tries, the Grizzly track squad finally came out on top of Little Rock, winning the tenth annual Fort Smith invitational by 52½ points. This win keeps alive the hopes of a victory over the capitol team in the state meet, which would bring back another state

athletic championship to FSHS. The Fort Smith invitational is rated one of the top track events held in the state during the season, since it brings in teams from three states. Oklahoma teams entered Friday included Muskogee, Tulsa and Okmulgee. Arkansas teams were Little Rock, Subiaco, Atkins, Van Buren, Rogers, Paris, Fort Smith and Mena. The lone Missouri team was Springfield.

PREVIOUSLY the Bears had ended up playing second fiddle to the Tigers, losing the University of Arkansas-Big 7 relays, held April 9 at Fayetteville. Little Rock also won the Big 7 relays, staged April 2 in Little Rock, downing the Grizzlies, 57-49.

Results are as follows: INVITATIONAL: High hurdles—Don DeCamp, :15 (to tie meet record); Bob Moore, was second; 440-yard relays—Jarrell Williams, Moore and Tommy Bach, ran second; 100-yard dash—Bach, second; pole vault—Ronald Ray (height 10'9") first, and Roger Lee, second; shot put—Charlie Moss (shattered old record by nearly eight feet, 59'10 1/4"); 880-yard relays—Darrell Williams, Joe Paul Alberty, Williams and Bach, third; high jump—Moore, 5'10 1/4"; discus—Moss, (broke own old record, 149'2 1/2" by 162'2 1/2"); DeCamp, second; 180-yard low hurdles—DeCamp (new record 20.9); mile relay—George Pollan, Curtis Smith, Larry Sprenze and Darrell Williams, second.

UA RELAYS, BIG 7 DIVISION: High jump—Moore; pole vault—Lee, second; shot put—Moss, first, DeCamp, second; broad jump—Moore, third; discus—Moss, first, DeCamp, second; 110-yard dash—Poster Gay, second; high hurdles—DeCamp; 44-yard relays—Fort Smith, second; 880-yard run—Moore, third; 880-yard relays—Fort Smith, third.

# 5 Grizzly athletes merit many scholarship grants

● A SCHOOLBOY'S DREAM will come true for five FSHS senior athletes who have only to sign their names to contracts to receive college athletic scholarships for next year.

Numerous scholarships in football from major colleges in Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas and two from Columbia University in New York City have been offered to these standout athletes.

BOTH JIM GATTIS, ALL-state forward on the basketball team and 6-6 center Earl Furlow have received letters that a full athletic scholarship at Columbia University is awaiting them after graduation. Besides offers in basketball, Earl has talked with college baseball scouts from Kansas College.

All-state guard Ronnie Bateman is also being sought by several surrounding state colleges.

Eight major offers are also awaiting track star Charley Moss, who holds records in Arkansas and Missouri. "My only thoughts at the moment are those two state records remaining—not college yet," Charley says.

# SPORTLIGHTS

by Wendell Nance

● AMONG FORMER Grizzly athletes home during the Easter vacation were Gordon Jones and John Paul Jones, basketball stars from New Mexico A and M. Also home were Fred Crisp and Howard Sengel from the '54 squad.

MEMBERS of the "F" club who were football lettermen have something new! They are sporting bright pocket pins with the letter "F" and the year '54 on them. Boys who lettered in basketball this year will receive the same pin with the year '55 inscribed.

J. D. LESTER, member of the 1953 FSHS basketball squad, has given up athletics to be editor of the Northeastern College paper in Ada, Oklahoma. A place in the journalism field has always been his goal.

BOB MEEK, student at the Louisiana State University, is at present a freshman star on the track team. Although Bob didn't finish his high school work at FSHS, he did represent the track squad here during his junior year.

# Springfield meet Friday; state track meet in May

● Springfield, Missouri, will play host to the small but well-conditioned Bruin track squad tomorrow in a dual meet that should see several records broken. This is a yearly affair with each team playing host alternately. Springfield is expected to pit a well-rounded track squad against Coach John Thompson's crack weight men and relay team as the Missourians attempt to break a three-year jinx against the Grizzly thinclads.

Seniors Charley Moss, Don DeCamp and Bob Moore along with sophomore Ronald Ray will possibly rewrite the record book at Springfield as the Bruins come to their fifth meet on this year's itinerary.

THE SEASON'S CLOSER each year for Coach Thompson's tracksters is the annual Big 7 state and field competition May 7 at Tiger stadium in Little Rock.

Prospects for a championship team are high this year in the Bruin line-up as they have run second to only Little Rock in previous Big 7 competition. The Grizzlies have grown stronger in all events and will not be

counted out until the final scoring is finished, according to Coach Thompson.

BRUIN WEIGHT MAN Charley Moss will be a sure 10 points in the weight division as he will be trying to better his own records and the all-time state records.

Ronald Ray will be pushing for a first in the pole vault competition, and Bob Moore will be a big threat to the Big 7 high jump record.

The hurdle records in the Big 7 state finals will see Don DeCamp, the present Big 7 hurdle champion, making a strong bid for a place on that highly coveted record sheet.

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# 4 golf and tennis teams participate in tournament

● ONLY FOUR TEAMS, Fort Smith, Little Rock, Tulsa Will Rogers and Springfield, which participated in the Fort Smith invitational tournament Friday, entered a golf and a tennis team. And it is true that to have a golf and a tennis team included in the school athletic program is the exception rather than the rule.

Heading the FSHS tennis roster is three-year senior letterman Jack Gunter. Jack, who started playing tennis during the eighth grade, beat Charles Nordlinger of Little Rock 6-0, 6-3, to take the singles finals of the Big 7 relays held in Little Rock April 1-2. Fred Serrett of Little Rock then bounced back to defeat Jack 6-4, 6-2, in the invitational.

ALTHOUGH there were several seniors and juniors contending for a place on the tennis team, little sophomore Ben Paddock gained this coveted position. Ben dropped a game to John Brickman, Tulsa Will Rogers, 6-2,

12-10, in the invitational.

Representing FSHS in the tennis doubles are two sophomores Jerry Jeffries and Randy Spencer, who drew a bye in the first round of the invitational but who were later defeated by Nordlinger and Jerry Wilborn, 6-2, 6-1.

LARRY CAMPBELL, junior, and Bob Ramer, senior, make up the starting players on the FSHS golf team. Bob is being pushed hard for this position by his sophomore brother Jack. Larry replaced Curtis Voss.

This team scored a total of 155, which was topped only by Tulsa Will Rogers in the invitational.

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Alongside Charley is Don DeCamp, four-year letterman in both football and track, who plans at present to attend Tulsa University on a two-way scholarship in football and track.

# Dog show is May 3

● THE TIME has come again when FSHS students are grooming their pets for the annual Fort Smith Kennel Club dog show, scheduled for May 3 at Camp Chaffee. Students serving as handlers will be Ann Ellefson, Mary Allyn Henson, Missy Cole and Carol Griffiee.

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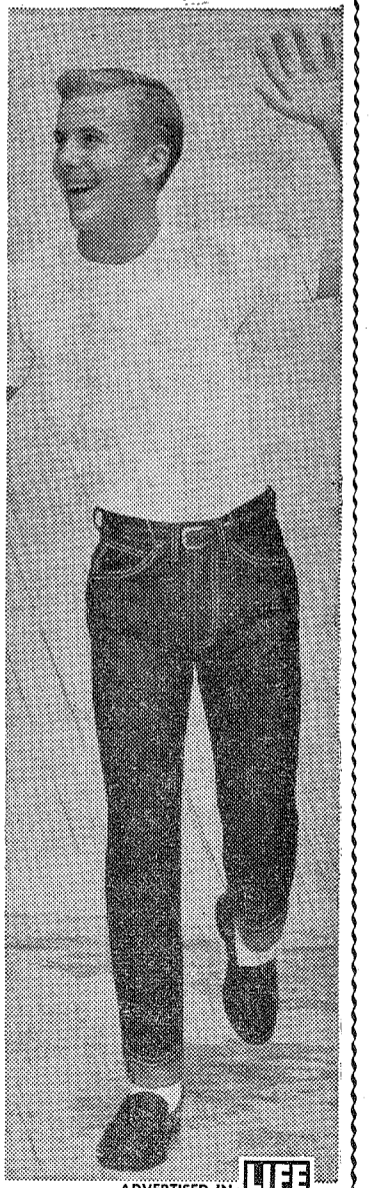


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