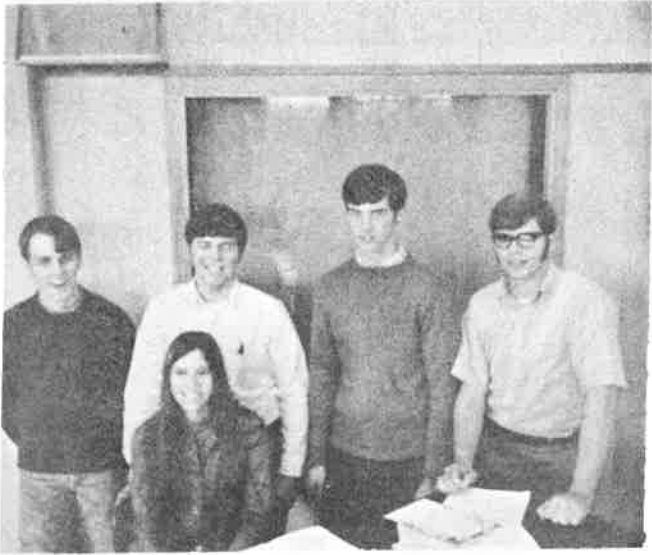




Dave Reeher, Linda Leyshock, Tom Kerr, Tom Fleet and Rudi Detelich are a few of the Ensemble members who attended the dinner and bowling.

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Singers Have Ball In Alley

"STRIKE!" was the call heard on Tuesday, January 6. This was the night the ensemble and Mr. Groves were guests at a Rotary Club dinner and went bowling after eating.

The ensemble sang for the club on December 23 and were invited to attend the dinner. After the dinner, they were given free passes to go bowling at

the Hickory Recreation Center.

The group split into two teams, the sopranos, basses and Mr. Groves made up one team, and the tenors and altos were on the other.

After they played three games, six trophies were awarded by Mr. Groves. The team with the sopranos and basses won the

games, despite the fact that Brenda Gibbs, who got the "Most Gutter Balls" trophy, was on their team.

Other trophies presented were to Dave Speck for being the "Bowler with the Best Form," and to Brad Tomich for being the "World's Loudest Singing Bowler."

Martha Heiges, Tom Kerr, and Donna Richards also received trophies. The whole group received free pizza and pop.

At the dinner, the students heard a speech given by Thiel College President, Dr. Chauncey G. Bly. The subject of Dr. Bly's talk was the generation gap.

When asked about the speech, Rudy Detelich said, "It was the most inspirational speech I've heard."

'Tyme' Editor Makes Nomination in 'Time'

The December 26 issue of "Time" Magazine contained a sample of the wit of Hickory's "Tyme" Magazine's editor Bill Moder. Bill nominated Uncle Sam as Man of the Year of 1969 for surviving 193 years of existence.

Keith Lustig, who filled the safety spot of this

past season's football team was voted to the Associated Press's selections for all state football. Keith was awarded an honorable mention for his outstanding defensive abilities. Lustig has hopes of making the squad at Indiana University of Pennsylvania next fall.

Room 224 has a distinction unequalled at Hickory. Its flag has only 49 stars!

A male senior returning from Christmas vacation had forgotten his locker number. In order to find it, he began opening all the lockers in the area around his. To his dismay, one locker had a girdle and panty hose hanging in it!

Mr. Hertzog, former student chemistry teacher here, once complained that the students in lab class were disproving more scientific laws than they were proving!

Latin Club To Put on Play Assembly in Late January

The Latin Club will put on a play for the junior and senior classes during an assembly on January 28 or 29 in the school auditorium.

"A Funny Thing Happened to My Fair Music Man on the Way to Catch the Lizard of Gaul Sneaking into Yankee Stadium." is the title of the play. It was written by Ron Marenchin, a Latin Club member in the junior class.

The play takes place in the ancient Roman empire in the capital city, Rome, in about 30 B.C.

Collecting toys for the children of the Mercer County Crippled Children's Home occupied the members of the EBLA from December 16-18.

The club, with the aid of non-club members' contributions, collected approximately 75 toys including dolls, stuffed animals, marbles, games and jacks.

Becky Almes, president of the EBLA stated, "The participation was much better than I expected. I was especially pleased with the participation of non-members."

The members received a letter on behalf of the clinic thanking them for their efforts.

The EBLA, whose activities this year have included trick-or-treating for the crippled children, are presently selling programs at basketball games

Future plans include sending gift baskets to area convalescent homes and addressing Easter seal envelopes for the Clinic. The group will top off an active year with a talent show in the spring.

Machine Improves Leaf

Extra! Extra! Read all about it! "Hickory Leafers Take Over"---production of the school newspaper completely within the school, that is.

Last summer when a new camera was purchased for the graphics department, it was also announced that the Hickory Leaf would not have to rely on the outside help of commercial printers, as in previous years.

It was the job of these firms to produce the line shots and half-tones that were necessary for the

actual printing of the Leaf.

Through the aid of Mr. Russell Beason, graphics teacher, line shots for the last Hickory Leaf were done by the new camera, and it is hoped that future editions will be produced in the same manner.

Besides being used for the production of half-tones and line shots, the new camera will also be put to use by the various graphics classes in making letterheads and in doing color work.

Spring Song
In March a warm sun teases
spring,
Lets her think that winter's done.
Spring, teasing too,
sticks out her green
tongues playfully.
Winter, watching from afar,
frowns upon the play,
Gathers her clouds and puts
the sun away.
But teased spring, loose
upon the day,
Wags her tongues at winter's grip
Till April's blossoms
rise upon her lips,
Declaring to the clouded sky
That spring is here to stay.



Cliff Hood, Bruce Hause, Miss Rutter and Ron Marenchin go over lines for the Latin Club play written and directed by Ron Marenchin.

Hickory Nut's Leaves Grow

The 1970 Hickory Nut has been and is being created this fall and winter. Through the efforts of some 24 students and their advisor, Mrs. Anne Johnston, the book will be sent to the Taylor Publishing Company by February 16 so that copies may be distributed to subscribers sometime during May.

A 16 page introduction including color pictures will be followed by activities, organizations, faculty, sports, underclassmen and seniors. The closing will follow the seniors with the index being the final pages of the book.

Headlines will be in the calendar style, as though written by an individual instead of printed. Divider pages will be printed as art conversions, rather than reprinted black and white photographs.

(Written for Journalism class by Lynn Baxter.)

Openings In Staff

Any freshman, sophomore or junior interested in joining the Hickory Leaf staff may sign up in the Hickory Leaf office by January 30. There are openings for writers, sports writers and cartoonists on next year's staff.



Levitation isn't always done by magic, is it, Ron!

Atomic World Assembles Many Students' Interests

"This Atomic World," a high school lecture-demonstration program by the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, was presented to all Hickory High students on January 12. It was a graphic presentation of the story of nuclear energy and its peaceful uses.

The 40-minute assembly program, by specially trained science teachers, covered the highlights of basic nuclear physics, radioactivity, chain reaction, and the application of radioisotopes in medicine, industry, and agriculture.

The program was designed to interest all students. The program consisted of one assembly presentation and another classroom discussion. The lecturer presented a more detailed discussion on nuclear science before the science classes.

The classroom talk was aimed at the student studying science. Topics included the atomic structure, the nucleus, radiation biology, fission and fusion.

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Lock Mess Monster Discovered

It's been said, "What evil lurks in the depths of a locker? Only the owner knows!" Some interesting facts are available however.

Five main types of lockers guard the halls, including Special Cubby-

holes for gym, music, and shop students, while teachers have their own rat nests. But the most common are the regular, average, ordinary, run-of-the-mill, locker lockers.

They are 9 inches wide, 15 inches deep and 66

inches tall, a volume of 8910 cubic inches. It baffles modern science how a student can squeeze all his school belongings into such a small place. The overcrowding may explain why 30 grams of paper are found in hallways with lockers as opposed to 5 grams for hallways without lockers.

The locker also doubles as an outlet for artistic talent. Pictures, proverbs and sayings plaster the inside of many lockers, giving each its own distinctive decor.

A wide variety of junk ranging from broken ping-pong balls to broken locks, shopping bags to salt shakers, photographic plates to jar lids, and music scores to the "Congressional Record" also add to the uniqueness of each locker.

With such treasures comes the thief, resulting in the 23 key and 90 combination locks budding from the lockers.

The best summary of the locker situation was given by Winston Churchill when he said, "Never before have so many stuffed so much in so little." Or something like that.

Tennis Anyone?

'Tennis anyone?' is an old cliché for a sport that is making a return to popularity with high school students throughout America.

It is becoming so popular that many high schools carry tennis as a varsity sport. However, Hickory is not one of these.

At present, there are seven varsity sports offered at Hickory which have helped make Hickory's athletic program one of the finest in Mercer County.

If tennis was added to our program, it would definitely be better than those of the other schools, because they don't have teams.

Although none of the area schools have teams, once we started a team, they would be quick to

follow our lead.

Starting a team would not be difficult. We have the necessary facilities and equipment. The school has two tennis courts and the Physical Education Department has 25 rackets and a supply of tennis balls.

There are a number of students who would be interested in participating in the team, once it was started.

These things only solve part of the problem. A coach would be needed to organize the team, and approval by the school board is also necessary.

My suggestions to those of you interested in a team are to start asking faculty members to be coaches, and to ask the school board about the possibility of a team.

Where Do You Draw The Line?



Educated Guessing Enables Maintenance Man to 'Hear'

by Martha Nestich

"Deafness is something which I had to accept; I had to learn to live in a world of silence," says Mr. Carmen Phillips, the school's outside maintenance man.

Mr. Phillips became deaf at 15, as a result of spinal meningitis. He then attended the Pittsburgh School for the Deaf for four years. It was here that Mr. Phillips learned the skills which help him communicate with other people today.

One of his main skills is lip reading. To a person who can hear, this may seem amazing, but Mr. Phillips says it wasn't very hard to learn. "Lip reading isn't difficult," he says, "it's nothing but educated guessing."

When one begins to learn lip reading, he must practice in front of a mirror and try to analyze words by the lip formation.

Most deaf educators stress lip reading, but Mr. Phillips does not think a deaf person should be forced to learn it. "One spoils his life by forcing him," he adds.

There are other methods of communication which the deaf use. One is the manual alphabet. The letters, numbers and some punctuation marks are represented by various positions of the fingers and hand.

Mr. Phillips is very skilled in the manual alphabet. He can spell words as easily as we speak them. He has taught Mr. Reynolds many of the symbols. He too is becoming quite skilled in this alphabet.

Mr. Reynolds speaks of Mr. Phillips as being a "pretty bright" man who makes the best of his deafness.

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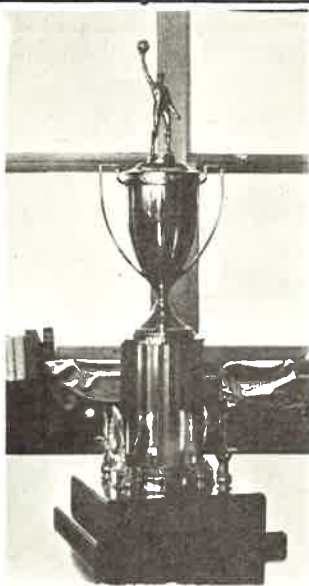
Hummer Views Spring Issue

The Hummer, Hickory's annual literary and art magazine featuring poetry, essays, short stories and drawings, is scheduled for publication in early spring, according to Mr. Jack Smith, advisor.

In addition to the works produced in the English and art classes this year, selections from last year's creative writing class will be included.

The cover design will be contributed by Greg Myers.

Last year, awards went to Judy Kopen and Donna Richards. Donna received a first place award for her art work, and Judy's essay, "Uncertainty in Learning" won the Keystone Award.



Hickory's newest trophy, acquired by defeating Oil City in the first annual Christmas Basketball Tournament.

Outsider Observes, Gives Advice

Editors of the Leaf:

Neither you nor your fellow classmates know who I am. But I have been watching you for most of the year. I've seen what has been going on at Hickory High and I have a few hints that might help all of you out.

All of you students are suffocating from the influence of the capitalist curse. You quietly stand back and watch as more and more of your privileges are taken away by your promoters of the Establishment--your administration. You have little say so of how you think that your school should be run. You don't even use the one great power that is at your rea-

dy disposal, the power of organization, led by students who are willing to stir up the system for changes for the better.

Students of Hickory, rise up. Don't allow yourselves to be pushed around by the police state created by the administration. Make them meet your demands. Otherwise, you

will become what so many have become before you, mindless conformists, conformists, content to go on living under the smog of this corrupt society. Hopefully submitted, A Concerned Youngstowner

Sharon's Hospital Hosts FNA Club

Members of the Future Nurses were hosted by Sharon General Hospital, January 13.

The club first toured the hospital, having lunch in the cafeteria. They then visited the nursing school and home, observing classes in progress.

On January 29 the members will go to Farrell High School and observe and assist in the Head Start Program. The program consists of registered teachers who teach prekindergarten children.

At the end of February, the club will journey to Cleveland and visit Mt. Sinai Hospital, the Veteran's Hospital, and the Health Museum.

College B-Ball Attracts Grads

At least two members of last year's varsity basketball squad have continued their careers on the collegiate level on teams from local colleges.

Gary Rice, a letterman and member of Hickory's varsity team for three years, is presently playing guard on the freshman JV team of Westminster college. Rice temporarily played on Westminster's varsity team due to the injury of an upper classman on the squad.

Skip Siefert, also a Hornet letterman, played for two years as a varsity athlete. Having graduated last year, Skip is playing guard on the freshman JV basketball team of Greenville's Thiel College.



Gary Rice



Skip Siefert

Pot Finds Many Friends

by Mickey Sinkus

"The older generation had better get used to pot," said an honor student of the University of Virginia, "because it's here, and I don't think it's going anywhere. If they're going to lock up people for just smoking the stuff, they're going to have a revolution on their hands."

This student is far from alone in his beliefs. Besides the 12 million Americans thought to be using the weed, numerous doctors, researchers, and even government officials have sided with the idea that marijuana is less harmful than alcohol and, for that reason, should be legalized.

Along with the increase in the use of the drug has come another increase in the testing of the drug and its effect on the body and mind. One such group of experi-

ments, conducted by researchers from the University of California, summed up their findings as follows: "It must be acknowledged that the low potency of available marijuana preparations and its freedom from the nutritional side effects of alcohol (a hangover) do indeed suggest a lesser hazard in the use of marijuana."

Dr. Tod H. Mikuriya, a psychiatrist, also did much research on the drug. His report showed that the drug is not a narcotic in the medical sense and that the drug causes no physical addiction.

After weighing the evidence from these and other researchers, the publication of the University of Michigan went as far as to say that "marijuana is less physically dangerous and addictive than alcohol or cigarette smoking."

All Effects of Marijuana Not Yet Known, Could Be Another Curse

by Ron Marenchin

Do you want to legalize marijuana?

Some, using pot to escape life's troubles advance to other drugs only to imprison themselves in a hell far worse. But 90% use it for enjoyment or from curiosity, never going further. Why punish them while others drink and smoke legally?

Granted, present laws are harsh, only alienating countless youths. The punishment should be lessened, but not abolished! Remember: Any substance entering the body has effects. Marijuana hasn't been used enough in America to fully determine them. The only adverse effects noted have been psychological, i.e., loss of ambition. Long users in India, however, suffer coughs and bronchitis, perhaps signifying cancer. Burning most leaves produces cancerous agents. Does marijuana? We don't know.

Until we do, marijuana cannot

be allowed to become a national pastime. With what we now know, would alcohol and tobacco be legalized if we could start again? If pot were legalized and discovered dangerous, could we outlaw it easier than we can drinking or smoking today? What of the business, employing thousands, that would be built upon it?

Most important, what of the people who would already have been affected by it? Can you warn a corpse? Are their lives less precious than those of soldiers in Vietnam?

Most would agree to a 25% chance that marijuana is harmful. If you learned at the airport that your plane had a 25% chance of crashing, would you take it? Or want a loved one to?

Do you want to legalize marijuana?

Thespians Planning Play For Elementary Pupils

Take one enthusiastic and adventurous young man and put him together with an evil magician and a magic lamp--and what have you got? A play that has been delighting children for years.

And once again, "Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp" will be presented as it has been done so many times before.

Scheduled for the end of January or the first weeks of February, Thespian Guild is hoping to produce another play this year, but with the younger generation in mind. For the first time, Bart-

man students, grades 1-3, will be able to witness a high school production staged entirely for them.

Although the club is sponsoring and paying for the entire production from funds in the treasury, a great deal of costumes and scenery will be employed throughout the play.

Even though tryouts have been held, parts have not been assigned, but the various committees have been appointed to aid in the production. Heading the costume committee is Debby Rissinger, scenery and props, Rich Shaffer, and Tom Fleet, lights.

Roundballers Dribble Into Second Half Play

The Hornet Varsity hoopsters are gathering strength for the second half of their schedule.

The Hornet scoring attack has been built around seniors Dean Rice, Dan Bell, Ron Crisan and Barry Oman. Also consistently hitting the double figures has been junior standout, Mike Mazurek.

Athlete-of-the-Month, Tom Dout, has been the defensive spark of the team for the first half of play. Tom's outstanding defensive play deserves much credit.

After the exciting victories of the holiday tournament, the roundballers dropped two hard fought decisions to Erie East and Franklin. However, the Hornets broke their losing streak when they doused the Brookfield contingent by 10 points.

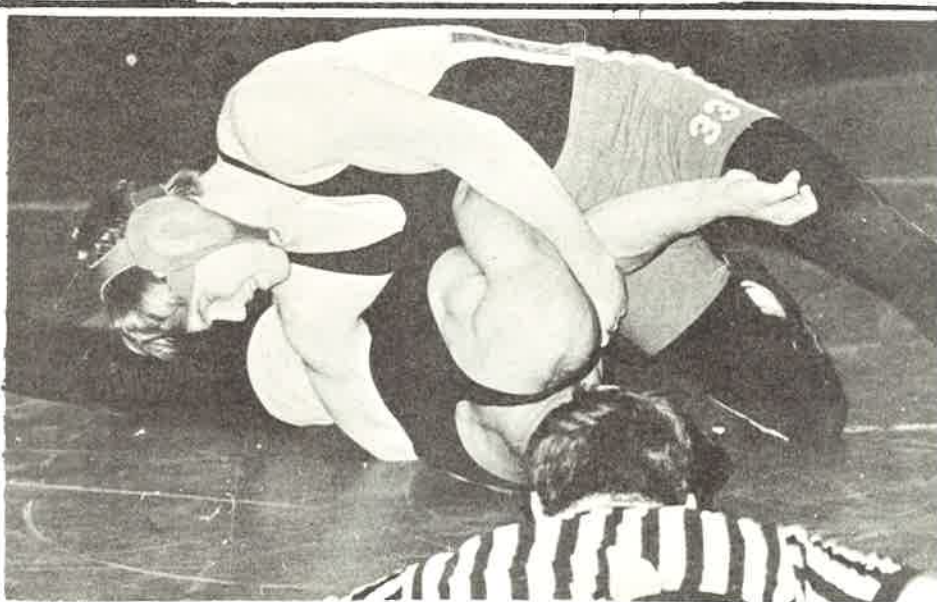
With much consideration, Coach William Floros described the upcoming schedule. "The games get tougher as the schedule goes on. Also, we have four away games which make it a little harder."

The upcoming schedule

includes Ford City, McDowell and Brookfield. These are all away games.

The 6 and 5 record of the team is a good indication of the determination of the ball-pounders, because the Hornets have faced much taller teams, many from the W.P.I.A.L., the toughest district of Western Pa.

The reason for the changed schedule is the newly formed league. For the past two years, Hickory has had the honor of representing Section III as the only team in the section. However, the new zoning has changed this.



Sam Whitmore, 133 pounds, demonstrates an arm-bar as he strains for a pin against opponent.

Grapplers Are Formidable Foe

Hickory's highly touted wrestlers have proven their skills thus far in the season. The squad has pinned down an impressive 6-0 record, while taking second place honors in the rugged Clearfield Tournament.

The Hornets started off by escaping a determined Seneca Valley crew, 25-23, with a timely pin by se-

nior heavyweight Keith Miller. Since then, they have chalked up victories over Jamestown, West Middlesex, Warren, Grove City and New Castle. Warren is a highly ranked wrestling power.

Over the Christmas vacation, the team traveled to Clearfield to participate in what is considered by many knowledgeable wrestling fans, as the toughest holiday tourney in the state. It proved to be a tough one for the Hornets as they walked away a distant second to the formidable home-town Clearfield power.

Clearfield muscled 108 points, Hickory 63, Kit-

ting 61 and Meadville 43. Rex Stottlemeyer, 127 pounds, Joe Mudrak, 154 and Keith Miller, heavyweight, all gained first place honors.

Three Hornet grapplers Sam Whitmore, Keith Miller, and Rex Stottlemeyer are undefeated in dual matches. These four stalwarts have helped the team to compile a 199-57

point spread over their opponents.

John Nestor, 180, commented on this year's squad. "I think our team has a great deal of pride. Pride not only in ourselves but also in the team's accomplishments. Our school should stop and take notice and see how classes can work together for a common goal."

Dout, Wrestlers Selected As January's Athletes

Head Coaches William Floros and George Lewis have named Tom Dout and the entire wrestling squad as athletes for the month of January.

Coach Floros selected Tom because, "He has been playing good defense and has shown a lot of hustle."

Tom has proven to be the defensive leader on the team, and time after time sparked the team when the need arose.

As often happens, a coach finds it too difficult to single out one

person as the best. Therefore, Coach Lewis has declared the entire wrestling team as Athletes-of-the-Month, in view of their dedication and hard work.

Each member of the wrestling squad is important in that he supplies a needed factor, competition. Not only those who wrestle varsity or J.V., but every member of the wrestling team deserves credit for the extreme dedication and hard work that makes a successful team.



The Athletes-of-the-Month are Tom Dout for basketball and representing the wrestling team, John Nestor.

Superbowl Is Super Contest

The meeting of the Minnesota Vikings and the Kansas City Chiefs took place last Sunday in the Superbowl. Their meeting represented a true mixture of super brains and super brawn, which produced an enjoyable sports spectacle.

The Superbowl is perfectly named because the players are truly supermen. With bodies that are twice as large as most humans and the mental power to call plays that baffle even the best defenders, they represent a special, almost freakish brand of men.

Their ability to control their bodies is even more astounding. Three hundred pound linemen move almost as fast as the backs who can all run the 100 yard dash in less than 11 seconds. The former great of the Cleveland Browns, Jimmy Brown, is a good example of their physical stature. Jim weighed in at 225 pounds and had only a 29 inch waist.

Hoopsters Invade Tourney

Hickory's girl hoopsters began their season Wednesday night at the Girls' Buhl Club with a game against Reynolds.

This was their first game in a tournament which will continue until the last week of March.

There are 11 teams competing in the tournament, and they have been divided into two divisions.

Hickory is a member of the National Division, along with Reynolds, Farrell, West Middlesex, Liberty and Sharpsville.

The American Division consists of Kennedy Christian, Brookfield, Hubbard, Sharon and Venango.

Basketball games are played on Wednesday nights at the Buhl Club. Three games are played each night between 5:30 and 7:30. In the tournament, each team plays each team in its division twice. The teams from each of the divisions which win the most games, then play each other for the championship.

Hickory's next game will be on January 28, with West Middlesex.



Jamie Mong and Nancy Riddle practice their basketball skills for upcoming games.