

Junior Class To Present Musical, 'Oklahoma'

"Oklahoma!", a musical, will be presented in the high school auditorium on March 27 and 28.

The play, a light comedy, takes place in the early 1900's in Indian territory. The music was written by Richard Rodgers, and lines and lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II.

"Oklahoma!" will be taking shape under the direction of Mrs. Joan Walker, acting, and Mr. Ed Groves, singing. The Stage Band directed by Mr. Kulusich will ac-

company the vocalists. Mr. Mangus has appointed a committee to make the scenery and will supervise all artwork.

Groves and Walker both agree that the play will be very difficult to produce. Actors, choruses, soloists, and band will have to be able to work together smoothly. The set poses a problem because it must be big and movable. Groves, expressing his thoughts said, "It is a tremendous undertaking and at this stage of the game

it scares me to death." He also said that if the cast and crew work hard and give all they have, the show can be a big success. Mrs. Walker also expressed her

confidence that all the problems can be overcome.

The co-directors said they were amazed at student and faculty

interest in the program. "Oklahoma!" sponsored by the Junior Class, will be the first musical ever presented at Hickory.

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Snow Delights Australian



Virginia enjoys life at Hickory. She finds school much easier here than in Australia.

"I've never seen snow before! There's snow in the mountains, but I've never been. You can go up for holidays, but apart from that, no one ever lives there," says Virginia Tiernan, Hickory's Rotary Exchange student. Currently staying with senior Kathy Wachter, Virginia tells us:



Virginia's courses include American history and literature, speech, gym, and office work.

"My home is on the beach in Brighton, Australia, a suburb of Melbourne. I have two brothers, and my father is a dentist. In my spare time, I surf, swim, and model.

"I go to an all girls' school. Most girls do. We wear a uniform--it's bright blue with yellow pinstripes--and hats. The educational program is so different.

"In the winter, when it gets cold (40's) and I have a holiday, I go to Queensland, where it's hot all the year around (80's) to swim.

"Our pace of life is



The Student Council entertains Virginia at a banquet. Here, she opens a welcoming gift.

much slower, I think. Our shops are only open for eight hours a day.

"Everyone asks me if I see many kangaroos, but we have to go to the reserves to see them.

"People are so lively and friendly here. I was so muddled at the airport and they were so helpful."

Hornet Youth Aid Retarded

Hornet students can now help the retarded, and strive to improve state hospital conditions by joining, Youth of America United to Help.

Youth is a club organized by the Mercer County Association for the Retarded designed to promote a better understanding of the causes and prevention of mental retardation.

Presently, the organization consists of 20 members, which includes 9 Hornets. George Clark presides at the meetings held on alternating Sundays of each month. Meetings begin at 2 p.m. in the Retarded Workshop located behind the Crippled Children's Clinic.

Anyone between the ages of 13 and 25 interested in joining YMAA should contact Mr. Clar. or any other member.

A field trip to Polk State Hospital is being planned.

Staffers Work At Pittsburgh

Four Leaf staffers and the advisor journeyed to Pittsburgh, Saturday, January 18, to attend a prose and poetry clinic at the University of Pittsburgh.

The students included Patti Moore, Jan Winner, Lynn Palumbo, and Mindy Lee, accompanied by Mr. Dick Walcott.

The clinic was sponsored by COVER Magazine, the university literary magazine, and the office of Student Publications.

Ed Roberson, a Pittsburgh poet and explorer, was the featured speaker. He talked on polyphonics in contemporary poetry.

The group attended two lectures in the morning, concerning modern poetry and contemporary 'blues.'

Pennsylvania High Schools Host Instrumentalists at District Event

Five band members and 13 orchestra members have been chosen to participate in District events this year.

District Band, which consists of 200 members met yesterday at Northwestern High School in Darlington, Pa. Host for the three day event will be Richard Wilson, music director at Northwestern. Donald Byo, director of bands at Youngstown State University will serve as conductor.

Hickory students selected for this year's band are David Avril, Kathy Wachter, Martha

Heiges, Lonnie McClearn, and Marsha Stefanick.

District Orchestra will be held February 6-8 at Fairview High School near Erie. Morris Dahl, instrumental director at Fairview, will be host and John Gosling, of the Erie Philharmonic Orchestra, will serve as conductor.

Frederick Mueller, who is considered to be an outstanding string clinician in the country, will hold a string clinic session. The orchestra will perform in an assembly for the students at Fairview, Friday afternoon. Con-

certs will be held Friday and Saturday evenings.

Students participating are Martha Bastress, Evelyn Perkovic, Betty Vermeire, Ed Rock, Bob Book, Sue Smith, Keith Kuhn, Ron Marenchin, Irene Sarver, Kathy Wachter, Lonnie McClearn, Pam Aye, and Tom Fleet.

Martha Bastress, who attended District Orchestra last year, is enthusiastic about the program. "District events are very hard work but the participant can get as much out of it as he puts into it."

Lack of Advisors Poses Problem; Reasons for Difficulty Manifold

The officers of the Humdrum Club sat listlessly at a table, while other members lounged around in organized disorder. The advisor gave one last look at this uncooperative, uninterested group, and walked out.

Fantasy? Maybe, but for this reason, and others, club advisors are becoming increasingly hard to find.

In previous years, club advisors have been assigned to their jobs, whether they wanted them or not. Unless a teacher had a very good reason, it was almost impossible to get out of the assignment. If the club was one the teacher particularly did not want, his job as advisor was a loathsome, time-consuming, and boring task. Under these conditions it would be impossible to be a good advisor.

This year, however, teachers were not assigned, but asked to be advisors. If their answer was no, nothing else was said. No one was

forced. The teachers who became advisors did so because they wanted to, and so could not be guilty of apathy, at least not at the beginning of the year. However, apathy, like Hong Kong flu, spreads. Maybe a once enthusiastic advisor "catches" his apathy from apathetic club members.

Another reason for the lack of club advisors is little or no recognition. A teacher gives up his time and puts forth much effort during the school year to advise a club, but how often is he thanked? His job, in most cases, is a non-paying one, and besides the recognition he receives from the students themselves, he gets nothing for his time.

If apathetic club members became interested, if all members could be depended on, and if advisors were given the recognition they deserved, willing advisors would not be hard to find, and clubs would be much more successful.

Junior Outlines Election Method For Solution to Voting Problems

by Jon Snyder

(Editor's note: The following essay was written by a junior for Mr. Smith's English class.)

Recently in our school newspaper a student complained that she wasn't really represented in our student government because of the manner in which the elections were held. The author didn't offer a better method for holding class elections, but surely there is one, for most of the students aren't really represented in our student government.

The problem is easily recognized by attending any class election. The nominations for some office are opened by a barrage of shouts from one section of the electing body. Naturally everyone, including the person leading the election, turns to see who is making the commotion. This, of course, leads to two or so of the four nominees being taken from this group. Perhaps the leader is to blame, but I think few people could do a better job with everyone yelling at him. So now we have two nominees from thirty percent or less of the group and two from seventy percent of the electing body. It's easily seen that the group composed of seventy percent of the body isn't represented as well and many people in this group must vote for someone they don't really want. To correct this we must find a new method for nominating candidates.

I think the first thing necessary is more time. We should spread the nominations out over a week using at least two periods, and the nominations should be announced a day or two in advance. This would give us more time to decide who we would like to nominate.

We could nominate our officers and student council members by having each

homeroom choose four nominees. From these thirty-two or so candidates we could then choose our officers by ballot, placing a five before one's choice for president, a four for vice president, and so on with three ones for student council members. (a different order of importance could be used) This would make each candidate eligible for every office and give us a greater number of candidates.

A greater number of candidates would improve class elections because all the nominees would be eligible for every office. Often when only four people are eligible for each office one would rather vote for one's second choice in an office for another office instead of any of the candidates running for that office, but since only four specified people are eligible for each office one's first and second choices of people best suited as officers might both be running for the same office and naturally one couldn't vote for one's second choice at all. By allowing each candidate to run for every office one could vote for his top seven choices out of thirty two candidates thus truly electing the electing body's top choices as officers.

Lastly, I think we should take our class elections seriously. The people we elect will have an important job in planning the prom and other important events. How well they do these jobs will have a large effect on our school life.



Taylor Bombs Biology Predicts Baby Factory

by Marcia Stefanick

A generation ago physics reached a critical point of sudden acceleration with the dropping of the atomic bomb. In an extraordinary and shocking book Gordon Rattray Taylor warns the next generation of a far more serious bomb about to explode in its face. The Biological Time Bomb.

Taylor presents complicated scientific material in clear concise language that the average reader can understand. He first captures the reader's interest, then draws him into a deep sense of involvement, and suddenly shocks him with biological developments and speculations which will affect our race.

Taylor claims that by 1975 eggs and spermatozoa may be stored for an indefinite period, placed in a test tube at anytime, fertilized, and then placed in a female womb for development. By 2000 an arti-

ficial placenta will be perfected and true baby factories will be possible.

The year 2000 will also find the enhancement of intelligence in man and animals possible, as well as memory injection and memory editing and complete reconstruction of personalities. Life-copying (reconstructed organisms) will have been experimented with successfully, and after 2000 the cloning of people will have occurred in the laboratory.

The frightening thing is that Taylor does not let his imagination range with science fiction but, instead, confines himself rigorously to developments already implicit in research being carried out today. His purpose is to warn the human race, possibly excite it into action against the MAD scientist, and prepare it for tomorrow.

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Teacher Blood Types Biology Lab Students

Preceding the Christmas vacation, Mr. Robert DeVries took the blood type of 125 students.

All of the students were from Mr. DeVries' six lab classes and were required to type their own blood. The students tested included the lab assistants as well as the lab students.

The results of this blood testing are fairly close to the national average. There are 46 students or 37 percent of the group having type A blood, while the national average is 42 percent. The type B group consists of 19 students or 15 percent, corresponding to the national ten percent. Only six people or five percent

have type AB, the national average is three percent. The majority of the group have type O blood. There are 54 people or 43 percent of the pupils tested that have type O blood as compared to the national average of 45 percent.

Artists Travel to Gallery

Art classes, under the direction of art teacher Mr. Charles Mangus, traveled to the Butler Institute of Art in Youngstown on January 10.

The institute, located on the campus of



Lucy gives Snoopy an open-hand blow. She attended Miss Platco's self-defense classes!

Youngstown State University is claimed as one of the finest galleries of American Art in the nation. Highlights of the tour included viewing a collection of paintings of American Indians, miniatures of the United States presidents, and a collection of maritime paintings.

Mr. Tom Macejko, student teacher under Mr. Mangus, accompanied the large group of students who made the field trip.

He remarked, "The display of paintings was fantastic. Many students had never been to an art museum and now that they have been there, their interest will probably be aroused enough for them to go again on their own."

Science Club Offers Learning Opportunity

Science Club members are working on experiments assigned to be presented at club meetings now through May. These experiments are to be used by members to teach each other and to acquaint themselves with various areas of scientific interest.

Dennis Morganstern, president, said that the club project was, "... not to show how much you know but to give the members an opportunity to teach each other."

At the December meeting, Bob Kosar, senior, demonstrated an analog computer he built. Kosar built the computer, based on the principle of variable resistance, during the summer. He became interested in the home-made computer after seeing it advertised in a magazine. He sent away for the necessary parts and found it very easy to assemble.

Kosar demonstrated his computer, showing how and why it works for the club members and also worked a few typical problems.

Several Science Club members have tentative plans for attending a science study program this summer at the Pennsylvania Academy of Science at Grove City.

Drivers Education Vehicle Bashes Hickory Student

Do you feel that you are a safe driver?

If you feel that you are, it may be because you have taken driver's education. This would normally put you among the nation's top drivers, but this is not always the case.

A variety of mishaps have occurred during Hickory's driver's education program. For example, last summer a person taking his driver's test in another training car collided with a Hickory student. Other mishaps include anything from the unexpected hurtling of a board through the windshield to two minor collisions.

Hickory's training program, which reaches approximately 90% of the students turning sixteen, involves 30 hours of classroom instruction plus an additional 12 hours driving and observation time.

The course, being worth 1/3 credit, covers such subjects as the proper handling of a car and its mechanical workings.

Mr. Kornbaugh, the driving instructor, commented that boys are the better drivers from the co-ordination standpoint, but they tend to become over-confident. Girls, on the other hand, are said to use their skills more wisely.

Europe Offers Summer Jobs

Would you like to work in Europe this summer?

Last year over a thousand students learned first-hand the various customs and ideas of Europe.

The International Student Information Service guarantees job placement, jet transportation, housing, and other features.

If you are over seventeen and interested in the program, contact the Guidance Office.

Comedy Slated For Feb. Showing

Hornet members of Future Teachers of America have turned their talents to drama. The group plans to present the play "Teacher's Pet" the beginning of February.

Marilyn Greene, senior, is directing the play. Senior members of the cast include Kathy Laskowitz, Stephanie Laycock, Joe Szabo, Dave Anderson, and Lesley Cholka.

Juniors, Robin Kitchen, Jean Fair, Gail Barnes, Bill Moder, Mike Miles, and Dennis Fike are prompters.

"Teacher's Pet" is a 1946 comedy written by Luke Lownsbury. It is the story of Goody Fairweather (Robin Kitchen), the most stuckup girl in school. Goody flattens the teacher and worms her way into the teacher's good graces until finally she becomes the "teacher's pet." She lords over her class and is forever snitching on her classmates.

As a result, the students, led by the class brain, Hortense Allen (Gail Barnes), decide to put Goody in her place. Future Teachers also plan to present the play to the elementary students at Bartman and Hermitage schools.



Lesley Cholka rehearses her role in "Teacher's Pet" during FTA play practice.

Cagers to Visit Greenville Tonight

by Randy Powell

The Hickory High roundballers travel to Greenville this evening for a game that can be said to be typical of this season.

Due to a lack of membership, the Mercer County Class "A" League of which we were a member in previous years, has been disbanded this season. The Hornet basketball team was left without a league to compete in.

This has forced them to play the season on an independent basis which has caused a shift in the "big game" emphasis. In any league a team's most important games are those against other members of the

league. But when playing independently the "big game" is usually just a continuation of a long-standing school rivalry.

Tonight's game should therefore command attention and attendance not only from basketball fans but from all followers of the rivalry involved and all supporters of our school.

Hickory has again fielded a strong team this year and has already beaten some of the strongest teams of the grouping now containing our old league foes.

West Middlesex was undefeated in their league when the Hornets traveled to their floor for a game played before a "standing room only" crowd. The Hornets left

no doubt in the minds of the crowd with a convincing 69-41 victory.

Despite a fourth-place finish, Hickory cagers made an impressive showing in the Far-

rell Lions' Tournament.

Coach McGlumphy summed up the first half of his season in these words, "At no time in any game this year have we been outclassed."

Football Coaches Plan After School Program

Recently the Booster's Club purchased a physical fitness machine for Hickory athletes. The cost of the machine was \$2,400.

Although the machine has not yet arrived, the football coaches have decided that footballers will be the first to initiate it. All boys wishing to participate in varsity or junior varsity football next year will be required

to spend an hour and a half each night working out. This will continue until track in March.

The machine consists of ten stations. Each is concerned with developing a different part of the body.

Coach Smargiasso, head of the program, remarked, "There is going to be a complete transformation of bodies around here."



Jon Snyder

Jonny Snyder Most Valuable Of Tournament

During the Seneca Valley Wrestling Tournament held on December 27 and 28, Jon Snyder, a junior, was honored with the title "Most Valuable Wrestler" of the tournament.

In his 88 pound weight classification Jon scored two pins, one of which came only 38 seconds after the start of the match.

When asked of the effect of receiving this title, Jon replied, "I was deeply gratified to have won the award. It's too bad that there were not 13 awards--one for every member of our squad. They all did a fine job in capturing the team title."

This is Jon's third year of varsity competition. His merits compiled thus far include two varsity letters and one section three title.

This season, Snyder is well on his way to another varsity banner. In his matches this season, he has produced a 7-0 record.

Besides being a top-notch wrestler, Jon has a very good academic status. This is probably his best attribute for his wrestling ability.

Sebestyen Gets Athletic Honor

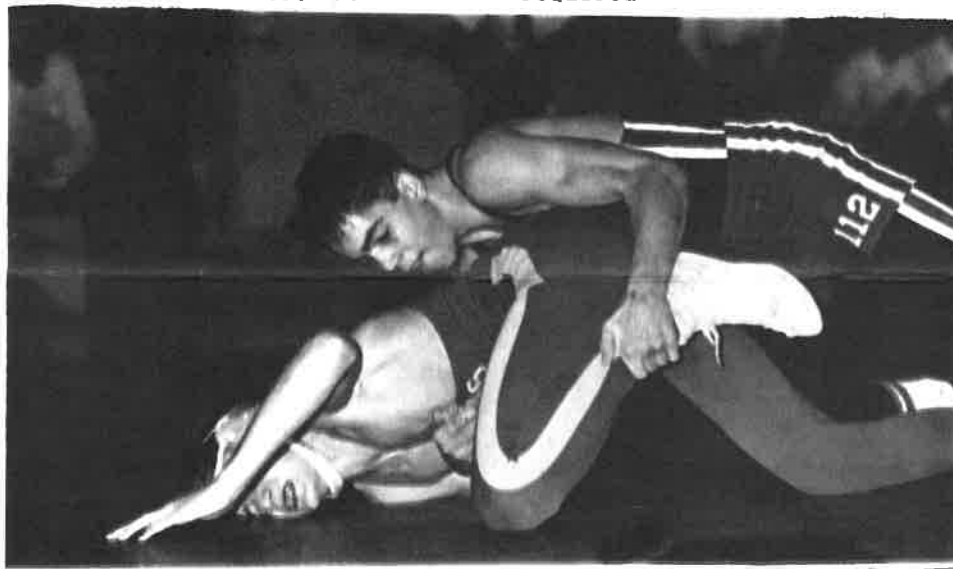
Joe Sebestyen has been named Athlete-of-the-Month for January.

His consistent style of play along with his continual leadership of the Hornet basketball squad in both scoring and rebounding combine to turn out a well-rounded performer. Joe has sunk a total of 223 points during the first 11 games this year, hitting on 46 per cent of his shots. His 167 rebounds also give him the team high in that category.

Commenting on the award, Coach Ed McGlumphy said, "Joe is a cooperative and very coachable athlete. He has probably improved more between his sophomore and senior years than any basketball player I have ever coached."



Joe Sebestyen



Tom Bour, a 112 pound sophomore, jams the leg of a Reynolds Raider.

Matmen Have Near Perfect Slate

Coach George Lewis's Hornet Wrestling squad is on its way to one of the best seasonal records in the history of Hickory.

With seven matches under their belts, the grapplers have come through with a near perfect 6 and 1 record.

It all started on December 10 in a match with Seneca Valley. The Hornets wrestled well for a 25 to 20 victory.

West Middlesex came to Hickory next, and the Hornets beat them with a score of 35 to 9.

Next, the grapplers traveled to Jamestown. Many people thought the match would be the first real test of strength for the Hornet squad but Hickory stomped

the Muskies by a 43 to 5 count.

Then on December 27 and 28 the grapplers participated in the Seneca Valley Christmas Tournament. The Hornets withstood competition from Hopewell, New Castle and Seneca Valley to place first in the tournament only three points in front of the New Castle Hurricanes.

Once off of the tournament trail, the Hornets disposed of Grove City by a score of 30 to 19.

On January 9, the grapplers played host to a revenge-hungry New Castle team. The final score was 26 to 24 with Hickory on top.

Then the Hornets traveled to Howland

Ohio and handily defeated them 45 to 3.

In their last outing the grapplers wrestled well but when down to defeat to a tough Reynolds squad by a score of 26 to 19.

The Junior Varsity squad also boasts a respectable 6 and 1 slate.

Girls Taught Defense

The girl's gym classes of Miss Karen Plateo, student teacher from Slippery Rock College, are receiving a new experience. During the last six weeks, Miss Plateo has instructed the girls in the fundamentals of self-defense.

The self-defense movements included combination of judo, karate, and aikido which have been modernized and adapted for girls. Self-defense is also development of common sense to be used in dangerous situations.