

Hickory Leaf

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class of '71 gather around Mrs. Joan Walker, Penny Rice, John Rademacher and

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once they graduate the world will open its doors to them no matter what.

With what little time we have left, we must prepare ourselves for the future and maybe with work and God's help we can be able to face the world and offer it something.

Student Council, class elections held; Chris Paul to be senior president

Elections for student council and class officers were held Friday, May 14, for next year's sophomore, junior and senior classes.

Officers elected for next year's senior class are Chris Paul, president; Kent Hanson, vice-president; Judie Warner, secretary; and Jean Gardner, treasurer.

"I feel the students at Hickory have little voice in their student government, so we'll have to organize ourselves to have a more democratic system," commented Chris.

Chris based his campaign on a seven point platform. He will try for better cooperation between the administration and the students. The senior class will be trying once again for a class trip. Other points in Chris' campaign include a student union, smoking privileges for students, social study halls, an honor pass system and more assemblies.

Junior class officers elected are Wally Krikach, president; Gibb Rice, vice-president; Ellen Kawana, secretary; and Kim Brown, treasurer.

Next year's sophomores elected Brian Passell, president; Steve Schwelleng, vice-president; Barb Burkhardt, secretary; and Debbie Lazor, treasurer.

Elected for student council were L.P. Cvelbar, Kevin Jones, Ed Smith and Nancy Styduhar, seniors; Tessie Bakmaz, Jim Flint and Les Ream, juniors; and Tod Perry and Katie Schuster, sophomores.

Anyone interested in running for an office was to obtain a petition and have it signed by 50 members of his class. After receiving all petitions, a primary

Four seniors selected to speak on different aspects of motto

"I feel in what appears to be an age of 'free speech' the responsibility of being a speaker carries a greater burden than ever before. These students represent their class, and what they say at this time is one contact the public has with the class of 1971," commented Mrs. Joan Walker, advisor for the

commencement speakers.

The main topic for the speeches is the senior class motto, "In all things be yourself." The four commencement speakers chose one aspect of this topic to talk on.

Ron Marenchin is talking on "Judgment and Decisions." Ron is

Class president speaks out on selection of class speakers

Editor of the Hickory Leaf:

Recently ballots with the names of National Honor Society members were passed around the senior homerooms. These were the students, who according to school policy, were eligible to be picked as Commencement speakers.

It seems to me that reform is needed in the policy of picking Commencement speakers. A majority of these students who were listed on the ballot did not even want to be chosen as a Commencement speaker. How do I know? Because I asked the students, that's why. In previous years many of the students who were picked did not even want to speak. How do I know this fact? Because I was told this last year

by one of the Commencement speakers. My plan for reform is this:

(1) Like class elections, have the students who want to speak get petitions and have them signed by 50 classmates. However, before the students sign the petitions, let the seniors know who is seeking to become a speaker, and permit the students to sign only one petition. This way, confusion would be avoided, and the ever present group of jokers who petition for anything would be eliminated.

(2) Make Speech a prerequisite for all possible speakers. Speech training is almost a necessity for students who are serious about making a Commencement Speech. People who have had speech training are more prepared to give an important speech like this.

(3) Finally, let the students pick all the speakers. Commencement is for the students, so shouldn't they have a choice in who they want speaking?

Sincerely yours,
Jim Birch
Senior Class President

people. On Thursday, May 13, assemblies were held for freshmen, sophomores and juniors. Campaign speeches were then given.

Various methods of campaigning were used. Some candidates issued papers stating their platform, but most of the students running hung signs and pictures throughout the hallways of the school.

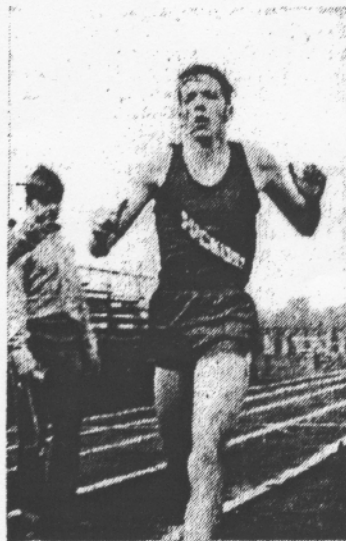
Elementary tutoring ends; Smith takes math award

"The elementary tutoring program will be evaluated by the principals and teachers involved. If they are interested and the time is available we'll plan to continue next year."

So stated Mrs. Virginia Snyder, math co-ordinator, about one of the math department's newest innovations, the elementary tutoring program. In this program the tutors give up a free period to tutor fourth graders.

The tutors are Jodi Allegrette, Karen Bleakney, Nancy Dunston, Mary Sue Feather, Kent Hanson, Fred Hause, Ken Hudspeth, Bob Johnson, Ellen Kawana, Beth Madura, Rick Marean, Les Marenchin, Martha and Sue Nestlich, Laura Perry, Linda Rice, Debby Rissinger, Edythe Saternew, Jackie Shellenberger, Shirley Stefanick, Lon Voisey and Andrea Zaggar.

Also, the math department recently held a contest to find Hickory's best junior or senior math student. Ed Smith, junior, was presented the first place award. The next highest scorers were Ron Marenchin and John Rademacher.



Dave Lawton, captain of the cross country and track teams, has been chosen outstanding athlete of the year

Track, cross country star chosen as "athlete of the 1970-71 school year"

Each school year produces many fine athletes, but also sees many leave as seniors. A tradition has been to honor the most outstanding and dedicated senior athlete.

The athlete chosen for this year is

active as president of Marching Band, treasurer of Thespian Guild and a member of NHS. He is also a National Merit Finalist.

Another speaker is Devon Hughes who is talking on "the need for individuality in a society that stresses conformity. Devon's activities include being president of Latin Club, treasurer of Marching Band, organizational editor of the yearbook and a member of National Honor Society.

The topic for Penny Rice's speech is "friendship and brotherhood." Penny is active as secretary of Latin Club, section editor of yearbook, treasurer of FTA and a member of National Honor Society.

The last speaker is John Rademacher, whose topic is "we are individuals, yet we are all alike." John is the president of student council, financial editor of the yearbook, varsity letterman in football and track, and a member of NHS.

Banquet, dance held for seniors

This year the graduating class of '71 added something new to the ceremonies which ended their high school years. They planned a catered dinner and dance, which may set a precedent for future years.

The banquet, for seniors only, was served buffet style in the school gymnasium Thursday, May 27, from 6:30 to 11 p.m. At this time, Debby Rissinger was in charge of reading the class will. After the dinner, a dance was held with music provided by a band from Austintown, Ohio, which had a Chicago-type sound. Refreshments were provided. There was no admission charge for the event and the dress was informal.

The dinner-dance was decided upon after several suggestions were taken as to what to do with the funds left over in the class treasury. A committee was then appointed to plan the event. Committee members include Penny Rice, Evelyn Perkovic, Patti Thomas, Rich Shaffer and Bill Vlaskovitch. Ron Deiger took charge of getting the band. Slips were then sent out to the senior homerooms to get an approximation of the number of persons planning to attend.

"We thought a dance and a banquet would be something really different for the senior class to do to use the remainder of its treasury," commented Rich Shaffer.

Senior class officers are Jim Birch, president; Patty Mort, vice-president; Dawn Culp, secretary; and Debby Hess, treasurer. Mr. Robert Moore serves as class advisor.

Dave Lawton, captain of the cross country and track teams, in three years on the team he compiled a record of 26 first places out of 37 meets.

In his sophomore year, the first year of the cross country program, he had four first places out of 11 meets. His