



Linda Titus and Diane Pryor work on baskets for the prom's table decorations.

Senior class banquet to be held Thursday

The graduating class of '71 will be adding something new to the ceremonies which will end their high school years. They are planning a catered dinner and dance, which may set a precedent for future years.

The banquet, for seniors only, will be served buffet style in the school gymnasium next Thursday, May 27, from 6:30 to 11. At this time Debbie Rissinger will be in charge of reading the class will. After the dinner, a dance will be held with music being provided by a band from Austintown, Ohio, which has a Chicago-type sound.

The dinner-dance was de-

cided upon after several suggestions were taken on 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 sent to the senior home rooms to get an approximation of the number of persons planning to attend.

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.

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Social studies goes elective

Hickory students will be given a chance to choose their own social studies courses next fall. Under the direction of Mr. Ted

Lazorishak, co-ordinator, the social studies department will go elective.

"The course was designed to give the student some freedom in what he wants to take," commented Mr. Lazorishak, "and by providing him with some freedom, hopefully he becomes an avid student--an interested student."

Sophomores, juniors and seniors are eligible for the new electives. Students are required to take three different courses for periods of twelve weeks each. Some of the fall-term courses are Sociology, History of the 1920's and 30's, Social Concern, U.S. Capitalism, South Asia, Latin America and Growth of Industry and Labor.

Juniors complete final prom decorating

"Everything is underway, but all we need is time to decorate," commented Pam Toperzer, junior class secretary, about tomorrow's prom.

The junior-senior prom will be held tomorrow evening from 8 to 12:30 a.m. with faculty members chaperoning. Music will be provided by the Mike Stone Orchestra.

"A Japanese Garden" has been selected as this year's theme for the prom. Peppermint pink and baby blue, the senior colors, will be used throughout the background.

The different committees and their chairmen are back-

ground-Jean McKay, flowers-Diane Matzel, tables-Becky Black, band-Phyllis Szabo, refreshments-Suzi Walker, and entrance-Cathi Hunter.

The sophomore aids for the prom are Darlene Fike, Diane DeArment, Jayne Bressler, Kathy Caracci, Renee Tucci, Beth Madura, Janice Evanchan, Nancy Dunston, Colleen Wilson and Debbie Chapin.

Mothers of the juniors have begun work on the after prom party. It will be held from 12:30 to 5:00 a.m. with the Left End providing music. Parents will act as chaperons.

The junior class has sold ice cream during lunch and

has sponsored a concert in order to raise money to cover the cost of the prom.

The junior class officers, are Willie Lucas, president, Drew Welch, vice president, Janine O'Malley, treasurer, and Pam Toperzer, secretary.



Chip Seeley, sophomore, will portray Tommy Vilas in "Musicman."

Majorettes chosen;

Cathi to be captain

Majorettes for the coming year were chosen following a workshop held May 3-7. Girls chosen were Cathi Hunter, head majorette, and Mary Beth Carnes, juniors, Linda Rice and Barb Kosnac, sophomores, and Susi Rissinger, Stacy Love, Cindy Black and Elaine Murphy, freshmen.

Girls trying out were required to march, learn and perform a dance, twirl, and form a strutting routine in addition to performing with a fan-fare. Skills were scored on points ranging from one to four. The girls with the highest number of points and best personal appearance were chosen. The first cut was made May 6 and final tryouts were held on May 7.

"All of the girls trying out this year were very good. Because of this they were hard to judge. So we picked four new girls this year," commented Cathi Hunter.

Squads picked for '71 season

The varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders for the 1971-72 sports season were chosen May 10.

Juniors Janine O'Malley, Debbie Smith and Tina O'Leary, sophomores Dahline Aspromatis, Dawn DeVito and Dorsi Gearhart were selected from a group of ten girls to lead next year's teams to victory.

The J.V. squad includes Beth Dobey, Barb Burkhart, Cindy DiClaudio and Cathy Wolanin, freshmen, Lori Ammer and Kathy Renz, eighth graders.

To qualify for tryouts the girls needed a C average. They attended a one week clinic where they practiced gymnastic skills such as jumps, tumbling, squad cheers and make-up cheers.

A one week free practice

session preceded the tryouts where the 27 eligible girls were judged on overall appearance, posture, movements, voice, smile and spirit.

Judges included Miss McKown, Mrs. Reynolds, Mr. Anderson.

Seeley to star in 'Musicman'

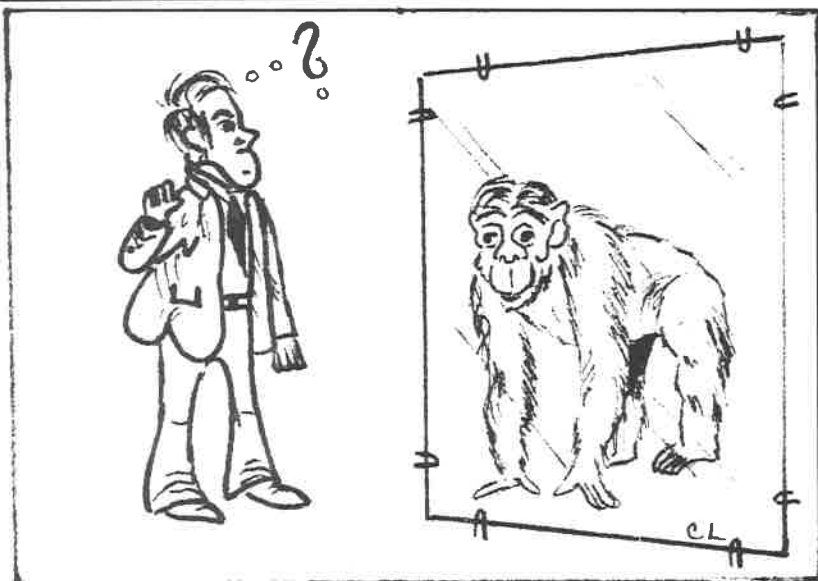
Chip Seeley, sophomore, has captured one of the leads as Tommy Vilas in the Buhl Club's summer production of "Musicman."

The musical comedy directed by Robert Rosita and Thomas Pedas will be presented on July 23, 24, 30 and 31 in the Sharon High auditorium.

The cast, containing 80

members, includes 16 students from Hickory.

"Musicman" concerns the fast talking salesman, Harold Hill, who attempts to form a boys band. Although he knows nothing about music, Harold convinces the townspeople that he can do the job through the "think method."



Writer questions annual class election campaigns

One of our school's more important activities, student elections, culminated last Friday with candidates for class offices being elected.

Did last year's bring back fond memories? It did for me, although they were not necessarily fond. Let's take a good look at this very special spring madness.

Last year, most students at Hickory seemed to have had a good time trying to outdo

each other's campaigns. Some examples of tickets which students ran on were (A) Students running on hilarious tickets - the clear majority (B) Students running for personal prestige (C) Students trying to burn down the school (D) The bad party - this party professes to be worse than all the others and is thereby the best (E) Students who are serious - the smallest minority.

Confusion abounded when campaign signs were posted throughout the halls (and elsewhere.) A quick estimation of some 20 odd parties posting at least 15 advertisements each, gave Hickory a grand total of 300 election sheets, most of which ended up on the floor. This did, however, keep the IMC staff busy running them off.

The carnival atmosphere continued into the gym where class meetings were held. It was here that the respective candidates gave their electioneering speeches and were to answer questions from the student body. The highly receptive audience decided, instead, to play a new game--"Cut up the candidates," which seemed alot more fun.

I hope that in this year's election you judged and evaluated the merits of last year's office holders and each of the new candidates before you cast your ballot, remembering you must live with your decision.

Students comment on evolution

Evolution is defined as the gradual development or descent of forms of life. This idea is an important one in relation to man. The process of evolution has much scientific proof of being true, that it is difficult to dispute the fact that modern man has come about in this way.

Many schools are now adding evolution in their curriculum to offer the students the advantage of knowing how they evolved over hundreds of years. Students can now go to an encyclopedia, or some such similar book, and discover many important facts, such as how long changes in man take, how it effects his life style and how he adapts to the changes can all be answered.

Science is one of the most important facets of today's world. Trained men and women are exploring this subject and finding more proof to uphold it. They are also trying to discover what man's

appearance and life style will be like in the future.

Extremely important because it shows where man has been and where he is going, evolution should be offered in schools to all students.

The theory of human development through the process of evolution should not be presented in schools. As the act of exposing its contrasting view point is, by federal law, considered illegal and an infringement upon individuals Constitutional rights. A 1964 Supreme Court decision considered it unconstitutional to read or teach any doctrine of the Bible in public schools. Because of this the Christian belief of God creating man cannot be presented as an opposing theory.

Neither theory has been authenticated to the degree of being considered fact, as Darwin himself states in the preface of his thesis: he

is only expressing the "progress of opinion on the Origin of Species through Modification." Thus the validity of each theory lies completely with the individual's personal interpretation.

To formulate an opinion fairly, one must be exposed to a variety of hypotheses before he can decide which he supports. Since these theories are so extremely opposite and unrelated, the student must be exposed to both, presented on an equal basis, before he can form his own belief. So until the law forbidding the reading of Scriptures is reversed, the theory of evolution through modification should not rightfully be presented.

Speakers' selection discussed

Being chosen a Commencement speaker at Hickory, or any other school for that matter is indeed an honor. But some of the students who are chosen to speak do not want the responsibility of giving a speech in front of their graduating class.

Only four people out of a graduating class are given the privilege of presenting a speech. Therefore, students who want to prepare a speech should be chosen to speak.

In order to eliminate students who would not want to speak, elections for student speakers could be held. Students who wanted to give a speech could run for election.

The top four vote getters in these elections would be the commencement speakers. The fifth person could be used as an alternate in case that one of the other students became ill.

In the present situation students pick two commencement speakers, and teachers pick two. Since commencement is for the seniors, seniors should be able to pick their speakers at

graduation.

If teachers still wanted to pick two speakers then they could have their own elections after the seniors had made their choices. Both the seniors and teachers would pick two students

Board primary held

The Hickory Township School Board held its primary election May 15 in order to fill three positions. There were eleven people running for those positions-five Democrats and five Republicans.

The school board meets on the second Monday of every month and discusses any issues brought up by citizens, students, student council members and members of the faculty and administration.

One of the school board members commented, "I feel that we have one of the most well-disciplined schools in the valley. Our biggest problem is the lack of communications and public relations with the faculty, parents and students."

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Teachers anticipate summer vacation, too

Teaching is that profession that pays its workers for nine months of monopolizing conversations and three of relaxation.

What the teachers do during those three months is usually a matter of mystery to their students, most of whom don't believe that their instructors have lives of their own.

Some faculty members include jobs in their plans for

Teacher, students to travel abroad

Many people will soon be travelling abroad for summer vacations. Among them will be a Hickory teacher and four Hickory students.

Miss Patricia McMillen, French teacher, is going on a tour of Europe's major cities this summer. She is going to visit Lucerne/Zurich, Rome, Paris and London on her 15 day tour.

Miss McMillen describes her upcoming tour as "relatively short, but not too ambitious, allowing approximately four days in each of the major cities."

Her tour will depart from New York City July 27, and is being sponsored by the Thiel College Alumni Association.

"After having read and studied about so many interesting places and people in Europe, I think it will be a marvelous experience to see and visit them firsthand," commented Miss McMillen about her first European visit.

Chris Rock, junior, is also going abroad this summer. Chris is going on what she calls, "a worthwhile and educational trip" to the University of Strasbourg (France).

Patti Thomas, senior, Mary Sulesky, sophomore, and Jack Thomas, freshman, have also planned foreign vacations. They will travel to Mexico.



Patti and Jack Thomas will study at the Monterey Institute in Mexico this summer.

the summer. Mr. Wester, for example, plans "to spend a relaxing summer working in a lumber yard."

Many will leave town after the school closes its doors for the year. Their vacations vary from camping trips to journeys to India.

"I'm going down to the shore and girl watch," says Mr. Mangus. "I'm just going to avoid the Shenango Valley."

Taking a truck with camper, Mr. Hazi will spend a summer wandering around the country. "My ultimate goal is California," he explained, "but I'm going to stop anywhere in between."

Mr. Smargiasso hopes to travel to India for eight weeks.

Camping plays a part in the plans of Mr. Mook, who will go to Cape Hatteras and Florida. Mr. Groves and Mr. Davis also plan to spend time camping.

Mr. Johnson sees the first weeks of his summer as time spent getting "rest and relaxation by painting part of the house."

Perhaps the most profitable summer will be spent by Mr. Bavola who says he plans bank stick ups and various armed robberies.



Yearbook editors are front row Lisa Pop, Phylliss Szabo, Doug Gonano, and Lynn Baxter. Back row are Jana Greenberger, Chip Seeley and Kent Hanson.

Yearbook staff reorganizes

Eight juniors and one sophomore have been appointed to editorial positions on the 1971-72 Hickory Nut staff.

Chosen by the present seniors of the staff are juniors, Doug Gonano, editor-in-chief; Lisa Pop, activities; Jana Greenberger, underclassmen; Lynn Baxter, seniors; Phylliss Szabo, organizations; Nancy Wilcox, ad-

ministration and faculty; Kent Hanson, copy editor; and Keith Yesko, business manager.

Sophomore Chip Seeley was selected sports editor and will also serve as assistant editor.

Changes planned for next year's Nut include a shift from the Taylor Publishing Company to Walsworth.

The Senior Directory:

Future plans of seniors made known

The students graduating from Hickory this year have chosen many interesting and varied areas in which to further their education. The following is a list of seniors and the colleges they will attend.

Those seniors accepted at Penn State are Randy Blank, Tom Bour, Nancy Ann Boyd, Dave Bralich, Bob Brown, John Corll, Harry Crook, Phil Dougherty, Marjorie Everett, Chris Godowitch, Jeff Harmer, Richard Herman, Joe Hirschmann, Mary Kacholek and Carol Malovich.

Also Joe Mudrak, Dave Mudrinich, Elaine Palumbo, Peggy Parish, John Peters, Kathie Petrosky, Cindy Polansky, Debby Rissinger, Paul Scott, Debbie Sebestyen, Bill Vlaskovich, Mike Wilson, Pat Wilson and Randy Yeiser.

Seniors attending Youngstown State University will be Cindy Bohn, Chuck Chavka, Jim Ferko, Jack Kopen, Marilyn Lucas, Bob Marrie, Rod McAdams, Tom McClafferty, Bob Morris, Kevin Norris, Larry Paoletta, Dave Ruffo, Harry Sample, Ed Sopher, Rich Wachter, Ann Wishart and Dave Hofing.

Accepted at Edinboro are Jeff Bindas, Patty Bishop, Yvonne Ceslak, Amy Krichko, Marjorie Miller, Cindy Saxion, Elaine Shaner, Shirley Shanes,

Dave Speck, Irene Yourchison and Bobbie Yukich.

Seniors going to Slippery Rock are Cheryl Callis, Ed Junk, Richard Kear, Jacquie Kilgore, Jean Leyde, Patti Thomas, Cheri Wilson and Scott Sigworth.

Those who will attend Westminster are Jim Birch, George Bock, Karen Campman, Chuck Hoyt, Debbie Joho, Patty Mort, Bob Reagle, Penny Rice, Ken Williams and Bruce Hause.

Rod Alexander, Ken McWilliams, Ted Meyer, Mary Lee Perry and Sieg Sippl are accepted at Mount Union, and Sherry Anderson, Art Heckathorn and Devon Hughes will be attending Clarion.

The seniors who will be attending various other colleges are Debbie Amsdell, Chamberlayne Junior College; Debbie Bartholomew and Patty Jager, Art Institute of Pittsburgh; Michael Bolt and Ron Spadin, Mansfield; Joanne Bowser, Tennessee Temple College; Dona Cummerick, Valparaiso University; Carol Chrobak, St. Vincent Hospital, School of Nursing and Bruce Diefenderfer and Neil Shindedecker, Davis and Elkins College.

Additional seniors are Jack Hudson and Dave McKean, East Stroudsburg State; Bob Johnson, University of

Missouri; Paula Komar, Mercyhurst College, Keith Kuhn, Lehigh; and John Lazor and Allison Zippay, Pitt.

Also Peggy Englebaugh, Sharon General Hospital, School of Nursing; Ray English, Wake Forrest University; Mary Sue Feather, Southern Methodist; Mark Frye, Chad Sed, Carol Sere-day and Nancy Shumard, Thiel; Craig Godfrey and Valerie Lee, Ohio Northern; Jim Hager, North Carolina State; and Debbie Hess, Atlantic Airline School.

Also Ron Marenchin, Baldwin Wallace; Mike Messina, John Carroll University; Bob Minnick, Case Western Reserve; Kathy Moore, David Liscomb College; Libby Morris and Evelyn Perkovic, West Virginia University; Craig Paulenich and Rich Shaffer, Northwestern University; John Rademacher and Mike Stano, Syracuse University; Joel Schwelling, Indiana University; and Ken Reeher, Culinary Institute of America.

Other seniors are Craig Robb, Bell and Howell Technical School; Kathy Saternew, St. Elizabeth's Hospital School of Nursing; Denny Serwick and Denny Yaksich, Gannon; Terry Sincich, Grove City; Becky Stanford, Georgia Southern, and Helen Yewell, Robert Morris.



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

Dave Lawton chosen outstanding '71 athlete

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

The athlete chosen for this year is 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 junior year improved as he won 11 out of 14 meets. His best year was this year when he won 11 meets out of a possible 12.

As Dave went on to the

Girls track squad finishes season

Faster than the speed of light! But not as fast as Grove City... or Franklin... or Oil City are the girls of the female track squad.

Mrs. Mary Reynolds, coach, remarked, "I think it's great, it has gotten more girls involved in a competitive sport. Only a few girls have the form for basketball, but a variety of girls can run in track."

"I think we're doing well considering the competition. The girls have a positive attitude, work hard, and seem to enjoy running," she concluded.

Records set by the girls are:

50 yd. dash - Jean McKay
100 yd. dash - Norma Brown
220 yd. dash - Sue Godowitch
440 yd. run - Nancy Riddle
880 yd. run - Debbie Koch
Mile run - Peggy Parish

50 yd. hurdles - D. DeArment
High jump - Jane Clark
Long jump - Jean McKay
Shot put - Linda Kosar
Discus - Mary Beth Carnes
Soft ball throw - Patty Thomas

county meet at Commodore Perry, he had a first place tie. At the district meet he finished fourth. Finally at the state meet at Penn State he finished seventeenth.

When told of his being picked by Mr. James Reynolds, the athletic director, Dave's only comment was that he felt he was no more deserving than any of the other nominees. He also said that he wished to thank Mr. Bavola, the cross country coach, for his helping him reach this honor.

The other nominees, who were Jeff Novak for baseball, John Rademacher for track, Rex Stottlemeyer for wrestling, Mark Frye for basketball and Bill Feigert for football, were picked by their coaches on the basis of example, leadership, and the way they did their job.

Mr. Reynolds chose Lawton on the basis that he was the most dedicated, and proved this by his constant work. Mr. Reynolds added that Lawton could be seen running in 95 degree temperatures or during Christmas vacation.



Members of the girls track team hurdle their way to victory.

Baseballers end season with winning record

The Hickory High batsmen, under the coaching power of Mr. George Lewis, Mr. Robert Habel, and Mr. William Gibb, have completed the '71 season with a 5-1 Mercer County League record and a 9-4 all around season record.

The team has marked up victories against Sharon, 6-0 Sharpville, 15-3, Lakeview, victories against Sharon, 6-0, Sharpville, 15-3, Lakeview, 6-0, Union, 8-7, Sharon, 7-5 Sharpville, 3-0, Neshannock, 15-9, Laurel, 3-0 and Neshannock, 8-3.

They have been downed by Meadville, West Middlesex, Brookfield and Union.

Seniors in this year's starting lineup are Chuck Chavka, catcher, Jack Hudson, center field, Jeff Novak, pitcher (6-1 record), Craig Paul-

enich, pitcher (2-2), George Spetar, third base and Ken Williams, second base.

Starting juniors are L.P. Cvelbar, short stop, Cary Dan, right field, Ken Deere, first base, Greg Oman, right field and Denny Wise, left field. The sophomores in the lineup are Jerry Maine, pitcher (1-1) and Harry Simmons, catcher.

Hickory golf squad active this season with 10-3 record

The Hornet golf team, under the direction of Coach Barry Wooten, finished their regular season May 11 with a 10-3 record.

Hickory's wins included West Middlesex, 14-1 and 15-0; Sharpville, 9½-5½ and 14½-½; Slippery Rock, 8½-7½ and 9-6; Mercer, 15-0 and 14½-½; Kennedy Christian, 13-2; and Greenville, 8-7. The three losses were to Grove City, twice, both 9½-5½; and Greenville, 12½-2½.

The two returning lettermen this year are Nick Dzurinda, junior, and Bill Basilone, senior. Other members of the team are Ray Graham, senior; Wally Krickich, Rick Sample, Rick Chrobak, sophomores; Bill Bell and Bob Collins, freshmen.

Volleyball team III wins competition

Congratulations are extended to Team III of League I for winning the intramural volleyball tournament.

Members of the team are John Rademacher, Jack Hudson, Al Zaggar, Bruce Diefenderfer, Mr. DeVries, Heather Crum, Mary Sue Feather, Phylliss Szabo, Jackie Kilgore and Miss McKown.

Thinclads journey to state

Hickory trackmen will vie for state honors this Saturday in the final meet of the season. The meet permits the best athletes in the state to compete on Pennsylvania State University's oval at State College, Pa.

Participants gain the right

to compete by finishing either first or second in their event at the district meet. The 12 districts in the state bring the total number of possible champions to approximately 500.

Becoming a champion is a selective test of an athlete. First a thinclad must earn a starting position on the team. A first or second place position has to be earned by the runner in his event when his team journeys to districts.

The ruggedness of becoming a state champion is exemplified by the fact that in the eight year history of the Hornet track team, a state winner has not yet been produced. Only the first five men to place in the meet are recognized at state, and Hickory can lay claim to only Bill Moder's placing fourth in the mile run last year by setting a school record of 4:20.3. Also competing at state last year was the two mile duo, Dave Lawton, and Al Kasich.

The Hornets have had a winning season by defeating Commodore Perry, Lakeview, Greenville and Sharpville. The thinclads also triumphed over the area rival, Farrell, 93-57.