

Juniors Ready Prom for May 29

The end of May has become traditionally regarded as the season for high school proms. Contrary to popular rumors, this year at Hickory will be no exception.

Originally scheduled for May 30, the date was changed to the 29, because of conflicts with events on Memorial Day. Although some difficulties were incurred when the date was changed, the juniors of Hickory High are still planning to present a beautiful and entertaining dance.

Preparations have been under way since early in the school year. The Theme committee, whose task is to provide the central idea behind the scheme of decorations,

completed its work in 1968.

Taking the theme and elaborating upon the decorations then became the job of the co-chairmen of the Decorating committee and the class officers. Musical arrangements were handled by the Band committee and table decorations by another committee.

Final plans are now being completed and each

committee chairman and class officer is working on his or her particular phase of the operation.

Committee chairmen include; Decorations- Fred Donnelly and Pam Aye, Table Decorations- Lynne Gaye Heatley and Donna Richards, Lighting- Jon Synder and Dan Daugherty, Band- Rusty King, and Grand March- Jim O'Brien.



Members of the F.B.L.A. who competed in State Competition are Karen Slezak, Becky Almes, Suzanne O'Hara, and Darlene Burger. Darlene was not present for the picture.

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Reading Hosts Future Bosses

May 12-13, Mrs. Saxe, FBLA advisor, and four members traveled to Reading for the FBLA State Convention. The members who went are Becky Almes, newly elected president, Darlene Burger, Karen Slezak, and Suzanne O'Hara.

At the Regional Contest at Lakeview, Hickory members took top places. In Shorthand I, Sandy Clinger took first place, Debbie Logue, second, and Karen Slezak took third. In Clerical Practice Darlene Burger won first place, and Jeanetta Hunia won third place in Public Speaking.

Ecclesiastes Prompts Graduation

On June 4, approximately 289 boys and girls will be graduating from Hickory Senior High School. Commencement and graduation, at the present time, are scheduled

to take place outside on the football field for the first time in the history of the school. If unfavorable conditions exist Commencement will take place in

the gym as in previous years.

The theme for this year's commencement is "For Everything There Is A Season." This particular theme is based upon Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 in the Bible and a few years ago was a popular song by the Byrds, "Turn, Turn, Turn." It is from here that passages have been chosen and the speeches written.

Chosen to speak at the ceremony by a majority vote of the senior class will be Kathy Orr, Barb Mitchell, Dave Anderson and Eric Gonano.

Missing from this year's senior curriculum will be a Baccalaureate ceremony. The primary reason for this is the Supreme Court ruling on religion in the schools and the lack of student

participation due to individual church services for graduating classes.

Senior class officers for the past year include Gary Rice, president; Skip Siefert, vice president; Judy Wilcox, secretary; and Sharon Taylor, treasurer.

Germany Offers Year's Study for Senior Abroad

Senior, Marcia Stefanick, will travel to Germany as a Rotary International sponsored foreign exchange student next year. She will leave July 20 for a full year's stay.

Marcia said, "I have been planning to be an exchange student since eighth grade when my brother went to Australia, but now that it is actually happening, I'm more excited than I've been about anything in my life."

Before going to her first home, Marcia will visit Castel de Monte, Italy, for a Rotary Youth Invitation.

After attending the Invitation, Marcia will go to Bochum, Germany, where she will attend school. Her next home will be in Gladbeck and later in Hamburg. Her fourth destination, at

this time, is unknown.

In Germany there is a 13 year educational program with the final year consisting of pre-college courses in which Marcia will be enrolled.

Marcia is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John Stefanick, 129 South Buhl Farm Drive, Sharon.



Marcia Stefanick



Commencement speakers this year are Barb Mitchell, Kathy Orr, Dave Anderson, and Eric Gonano. Eric was not present for the picture.

Lindalee Lawrence Wins Honorable Mention in State Science Competition

Lindalee Lawrence, junior, was awarded a third place Honorable Mention in chemistry by the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science, on May 2. She received the award for her research paper titled "On Some Factors Affecting Single Crystal Growths."

Lindalee's paper was selected for the award on the basis of originality, method of presentation, and the amount

of research involved. Last March, her paper earned first place in a regional competition, which was held in Grove City. This award qualified her to travel to Philadelphia for the state competition. Lindalee was sponsored by the Science Club, and by Mr. Bernard Uzelac, who is the advisor of the club.

The contest, under

the direction of the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science, was open to all science students. The Academy, which is an organization of junior and senior high school students, designed the contest to promote a greater understanding and interest in science through the development of research papers and investigations.



We've Come A Long Way, Baby!

by Bonnie Hancock

We have come a long way. In less than 180 days the students and faculty at Hickory have made history. During the past year, there were a great many good things accomplished which future classes will thank us for, and it really isn't hard to see why.

For many years, the juniors and seniors have held their annual class Plays. This year the juniors gave up their play to combine their talents with the seniors' to stage a production of the Broadway musical "Oklahoma!" Through their efforts and those of Mr. Groves and Mrs. Walker, the play was a terrific success with a profit of about \$800.

This year, for the first time, the school hasn't been sports-conscious for boys only. A girl's basketball team was started, with Miss Mitch as advisor, and a girls' volleyball tournament was held under the direction of Miss McKown and

Miss Mitch.

Boys' sports haven't been entirely forgotten this year either. A baseball team, under the coaching of Mr. Lewis and Mr. Habel, was started and is so far undefeated.

A bookstore was another first this year. Sponsored by the F.B.L.A. and the Library Club, the bookstore was opened in February and has proved popular with the students.

Long-awaited election reforms for class officers and student council have also been passed this year. For this we owe our thanks to the members of the student council who worked so diligently to attain them.

A change in school curriculum will also be seen next year. Because of Mr. Smith's success with Project Interpose, English classes will be rejuvenated with new and more interesting courses. History and science curriculums will also be revised.

Blunder Award Secured By a Teed Off Golfer

In the past, much criticism has been made regarding the absence of humor in the Hickory Leaf. An attempt is now being made to change this.

Starting in this issue, is a new monthly award which will be given to a deserving student who allows an unusually humorous situation he suffered to be passed on to Hickory Leaf readers.

The first recipient of the "Monthly Blunder Award" is junior, Brad Talowsky. Brad, a mem-

ber of the golf team, has gained much respect for his playing ability.

But Brad met his match. She, yes she, was Janie Fassinger, a New Wilmington golfer.

Being very good looking, Janie must have thrown Brad's game off. She murdered him, firing a 71 as compared to his 83.

Brad commented, "She only hit it a little further than I did, but she was sure 'tough' on her other shots."

Our thanks to Brad!

Interpose Heralds New Era In English Studies

Project Interpose, the experimental non-graded elective English program developed by Mr. Jack Smith, curriculum coordinator of English, was concluded April 22, and the results have been analyzed.

Students who participated in the program were asked to criticize it. One commented, "I believe an elective program is excellent, and should be used in all

subjects, not just English alone. We are constantly being told that today's students know more, think more, and are generally more intelligent and self-reliant than our predecessors, and yet we have not been given the independence to pick our own classes. This type of a system is indeed necessary."

Another remarked, "This has increased my self-confidence tremendously."

A study of students' grades showed that 72 students in Interpose received higher marks, 39 received lower, while 50 showed little change. Two students who had been failing before brought their grades up to B's and C's.

Mr. Smith stated that the success of the experiment has already heralded its adoption next year, and the final groundwork has already been laid.

To Our Printers Who Merit Praise And Many Thanks

The members of the Hickory Leaf staff would like to offer their special thanks to Mr. Beason for his cooperation, promptness, and careful printing of the Leaf. We would also like to thank our commercial printer, Mrs. Haggard, for taking the line shots and making halftones.

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Opinion Poll Pulls Supporters Of Present Viet Policy Ahead

In a recent poll conducted by the Leaf, Hickory was almost evenly divided on the Vietnam question. 52% of the students and 67% of the teachers stated that the U.S. should continue to pursue its cause in Vietnam.

Many who favored a continuation of the war cited their reasons. The desire to stop the spread of Communism was most often mentioned.

Other reasons were, that the U.S. has a responsibility to insure world peace that too many lives have been lost to give up now, and that the U.S. has committed itself and can not gracefully leave Vietnam without a victory.

Those students who thought the U.S. should withdraw from Vietnam

commented that the U.S. was getting nowhere in the war effort, that the war was costing too many lives, and that money spent on the war should be used to improve conditions in our country instead.

Not all students took the poll seriously. When Bob Pavlik, senior, learned that a poll was to be taken, he remarked, "Poll on Vietnam? They should send all the Poles to Vietnam."

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Candy, Janine Head Yellers

The new Varsity cheerleaders were chosen on May 6, by six judges. Seniors will be, Candy Muller, captain, Lynn Gay Heatley, Jeane Fair, and Jamie Mong. Debby Hess and Mary Lee Perry are the juniors on the squad.

The Junior Varsity cheerleaders were finalized on May 6, by nine judges. Sophomores chosen were Janine O'Malley, captain, Barb Simon, Eileen Metz, Frances Miles, and Tina O'Leary. Susan Gritza will be the only freshman on the J.V. squad. An elimination tryout was held on April 31, which cut the original group of about 60 girls to 17.

All the cheerleading candidates attend a clinic, a class where they learn the necessary skills before trying out. They are then judged by their ability to do cheerleading jumps and acrobatic skills. The girls must execute cheers in a group, and make up an original "Sink-it" cheer of their own. Appearance is of utmost importance, and a smile and enthusiasm must be displayed at all times. A point system is used for grading.

Sex Cops Panel Topic

At the May 7 meeting of the Hickory Township Parents-Teachers Association in the high school auditorium, Mrs. Marie Campman, president of the organization, called the meeting to order for a discussion on sex-educational systems presently employed within public schools throughout the nation.

Opening the discussion was Dr. Lynn Brumm, an area osteopath and vice president of the Board of Directors. Dr. Brumm brought to the attention of those that attended the meeting that the primary problem in dealing with teenage sex is not sex information, but sex misinformation. He also pointed out that at the present time many schools are trying to present sex education in some form to the students as early as kindergarten in many



Skip Hoagland, Judy Kopen, Becky Stanford, and Jenny Miller will be studying and touring abroad this summer.

Touring Hornets Attend Summer School Abroad

While most Hornets will be staying within the U.S. borders this summer, Becky Stanford, and Jenny Miller will be on a six-week study tour to France.

Chaperoned by Miss Tressa Houghton, the group will fly by Capital International Airlines from Cleveland's Hopkins Airport. After four days in Rome and a visit to Pompeii, the students will visit Switzerland and London.

They will then arrive at Montpellier, France, study at the University of Montpellier, and return July 31.

Mrs. Jane Miller, Skip Hoagland, Judy Ko-

pen, and other area students will head for St. Andrews, Scotland, leaving on June 20 from Kennedy International Airport.

They will attend four weeks of classes at St. Andrews University with weekend trips to Edinburgh, the Scottish Highlands, Loch Ness, Glamis Castle, and other castles and nearby villages.

Studies completed,

Now Quick Relief for Gym Accident Victims

The Future Nurses Club has bought some safety equipment and has given it to the school to be used for faster treatment of students hurt by accidents in the gymnasium.

A blanket and pillow to relieve shock, four quick-ice bags to keep swelling and pain down, and pneumatic splints,

'My Fair Lady' Plot Merely Play On Words

Professors, princes, and petunias jolt English society as the Buhl Club presents the musical "My Fair Lady" at 8 p.m., August 6, 7, 8, 14, and 16 at the Buhl Farm Casino. Tickets will cost \$1.25 and will be available in advance or at the door.

The musical will be directed by Mr. Bob Ro-

sati, a dramatics major attending Edinboro State College. Debby Amsdell, a Hickory sophomore, will be in charge of the choreography. The orchestra will be conducted by Martin Weisenborn and Harvey Hudson, both from Sharon.

The production's purpose, states Rosati, is "to get people acquainted with the art of dramatics." Anyone interested in a committee post may still phone Mr. Rosati at 346-3945.

The plot revolves around the efforts of a phonetics expert to change a flower girl into a princess simply by teaching her to speak correctly. The resulting uproar touches the lives of all concerned.

Xerox Saves Time, Money

Xerox, a 1100 pound duplicating machine, came to the Hickory High School library on April 15.

This machine, useful because of its speed and simplicity, is easier to operate than the machine previously used. An original copy is used instead of a master copy.

Xerox 2400 make 40 copies per minute. Made on regular paper, these copies are clearer and easier to read. The first 10 copies are 26¢ and all others are a ½¢ a piece. To save time and money, both sides of the paper are used.

areas.

Reverend Russell E. Perry, pastor of the Hickory Methodist Church acted as moderator and headed the panel discussion composed of various faculty members from within the school system.

Members of the panel included Mr. Marsden McBride, Hickory High School guidance counselor, Mr. Gary Steen, eighth grade biology teacher, and Mrs. Viva Watson, health teacher.

Topics for the discussion ranged from the actual education of sex to preparation for marriage.

Newly elected officers of the P.T.A. for the coming year are Mr. Larry Bortz, president; Mrs. Nespor, vice president; Mrs. Mitchell, secretary, and Mrs. Kilgore, treasurer.



The play "A Case for Two Detectives" was presented to freshmen and sophomores on May 13 by the Thespian Guild during a special assembly. Those pictured above are Joe Quarterson, Pam Aye, Judy Kopen, and Keith Kuhn.

Hickory Thinclads Complete Successful Season

The Hickory track team, once again finished a very successful season boasting a 10-2 slate. The team also won the County Meet making them the county champions for the second consecutive year.

Hickory's ten wins included victories over Reynolds, Slippery Rock, Oil City, Farrell, Grove City, Lakeview, George Junior Republic, and Greenville in dual meets.

In two triangular meets Hickory notched up victories over Brookfield and Commodore Perry, and Lakeview and Newton Falls, both in Ohio. In addition the

team took first place over seven other teams in the County Meet.

Hickory also won the

There Will Be
Summer Activities
June 9-July 31
Grade 7-12
at
Junior and Senior
High Schools
in
Basketball
Track
Cross Country
Weight Lifting
directed by
Coach McGlumphy

right to send 37 representatives to the District Meet held on May 17.

This season's high scorers included Mike Yourchison, senior, with 126 points, Bill Moder, junior, with 97½ points, Alan James, senior, with 95½ points, Dan Dough-

erty with 94 points, and Jack Hruska, senior, with 93 points.

New school records were set in the 100 and 220 yard dashes, 180 yard low hurdles, the mile and 880 yard runs, the two mile, 880, and mile relays, shot put, and high jump.



Jack Hruska winds up.

Many Athletes Honored With Monthly Award

Mike Yourchison, Gary Rice, and the entire baseball team have been chosen as the athletes of the month for May.

Receiving the honor as a member of the track team, Mike Yourchison, senior, is now finishing out his fourth year on the team. At this writing, Yourchison has racked up 126½ points this season. His events include the 100 yard dash, 220 yard dash, and anchorman of the 880 yard relay.

Mike holds the school record in the 100 yard dash with a time of 10.3 seconds and the 220 with a time of 22.9 seconds. He is anchorman of the

record-holding 880 relay team whose time is 1.34.6.

Gary Rice is honored as athlete of the month from the golf team. Gary, now completing his Hickory golf career, has made 21 points and has a 79 average so far this season. Rice and five others will represent Hickory in the District Match in Cambridge Springs.

Hickory's entire baseball team is also honored as athletes of this month. Coach George Lewis said the whole team deserved recognition because they are always "cooperative and ready to listen."



Gary Rice and Mike Yourchison, along with the entire baseball team, have earned May's Athlete of the Month Award.

Sports Banquet Honors Students' Sportsmanship

The annual All-Sports Banquet was held on May 3, in the High School cafeteria. Approximately 400 people attended the banquet in honor of all athletes and coaches participating in sports in the 1968-69 school year.

Awards, based on the number of years of participation, went to students achieving goals in every field of sports, including cheerleading. Outstanding athletes of the 150 who were honored, are: Gary Rice and Joe Sebestyen, basketball; Mike Yourchison, track; Ken Chintella, golf; Gary Simonton, cross-

country; Bob Cipriano, wrestling; Dale Wilds, rifle team; Gary Williams and Keydron De Rosa, baseball; and Jack Hruska, football, the only third year man awarded this year.

Head wrestling coach, Mr. Lewis, said, "Hickory has the biggest variety of sports in Mercer County."

The featured speaker was Grady Peninger, head wrestling coach at Michigan State University, who spoke about the responsibility an athlete must show while competing with others.

Students volunteered to aide in serving the meal.

Golfers Finish in Second Spot In Mercer County Loop Play

With only the tail end of their schedule yet to be played, the Hickory Hornet golf team cards a five win-four



Brad Talowsky

loss slate.

Victories have been scored over West Middlesex, Grove City, Slippery Rock, New Wilmington and Greenville.

Sharpsville, New Wilmington, Greenville and Grove City have dealt the Hornets their setbacks. Each team was scheduled to meet the Hornets twice.

At this writing, Gary Rice, senior, leads his teammates in total score. He is followed by Mickey Sinkus and Brad Talowsky, both juniors. Ken Chintella, senior, and Bill Basalone, sophomore, fill out the remaining positions on the Hornet golf team.

Baseballers Remain Unbeaten

The baseball team has renewed the sport in fine fashion this year. The team was undefeated through May 6 with a 8-0-1 record. Despite late scheduling the coaches have done a good job in arranging games with area schools. Included in the pre season schedule were Slippery Rock, Campbell Memorial,

and Sharpsville.

Thus far the Hornets have defeated Union, twice, 2-0 and 2-1, West Middlesex, twice, 2-1 and 7-1, George Junior, 5-1, Mathews, 4-2, Lakeview, 7-1, and Slippery Rock, 2-1. A 4-4 tie resulted with Campbell Memorial when after 12 innings the game was called due to darkness.

In the final week of play the Hornets will face Lakeview, George Junior, Kennedy Christian, twice, Mathews, and conclude the Campbell Memorial game.

Gary Williams leads the team in hits and put-outs while Mike Miles leads the outfielders in that category.

No Losses For Sharpshooters

The rifle team has carried a winning streak all year. They have won 11 matches and suffered no losses. The team's number of wins is 20. They have won six individual tournaments. From four team matches they captured three first places and one second place.

Dave Avril, captain, was lead scorer with an average of 191.8. Denny Morganstern was named the Individual State Junior Champion. Both boys are Outdoor State Champions. In the National Sectionals three members placed in the top five.

Last year the team was seventh in the nation. This year they will possibly be first. Seven members received letters and seniors received jackets. Members are Dave Avril, Denny Morganstern, Bob Pavlik, Phil Whitworth, Ray Blackstock, Gary Betz, Tom Wilds and Dale Wilds. The coach is Mr. William Bogart.

Although the team is losing several good seniors, next year's team is developing well. New members have not yet been selected.