

Senior Cast To Raise Curtain For November 22 Production

The senior class will present Hildegard Dolson's comedy "We Shook the Family Tree" November 22 at 8 p.m. in the auditorium.

The play concerns the social life of the author at the age of 16 or 17. Because Hildegard is a wallflower, her family tries to get a date for her. Their methods result in misunderstandings about the ethics of the family.

The cast includes Sandy

Banas, Greg Lytle, Marcia Stefanick, Chris Hunter, Bob Kosar, Bob Printz, Sharon Taylor, Kathy Orr, Tina Babinis, Roger Urmson, Bob Pavlick, and Melanie Lopuh. Coe Kennedy and Debbie McBride are prompters.

Joan Walker, speech teacher, will serve as director. Joe Szabo will assist her as student director and Shelly Hamilton will be committee co-ordinator.



Roger Urmson and Sandy Banas prepare to escape from the commotion they have caused in the senior class play, "We Shook the Family Tree."

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Cindy Bohn, sophomore, prepares to vote during the mock elections last week.

Nixon Pulls Top Vote In Election

If Hickory students could vote for President their overwhelming choice would be Richard Nixon. This fact was revealed in the mock election held in the high school last week in which Nixon pulled 53% of the vote, compared to 30% for Humphrey and 17% for Wallace.

Students were given a chance to cast their ballots on a regulation voting machine October 28 and 29. Out of 1074 voters, 573 were for Nixon, 325 for Humphrey, and 176 for Wallace.

Shelly Hamilton, senior, summed up the general feeling towards Nixon, saying, "I don't think a candidate whose opinions waver such as Humphrey's can effectively control our country. However I feel Nixon is liberal enough to accept some Democratic viewpoints."

Joe Sebestyen, senior, feels Hubert Humphrey would be the best president. He commented, "I like what Humphrey has done since he became a senator in 1948. He introduced Medicare and also introduced the Civil Rights platform to the democratic party. I also like his position on Vietnam. He's more of a Dove than Nixon or Wallace." Sebestyen added, "He's a Liberal. We don't need somebody who will stand still for four years. The United States needs to move."

While garnering only 17%

of the vote, third party candidate George Wallace had some strong backers. Mike Miles, junior, feels, "Wallace is the one man who can promote the constructive violence necessary to our country's welfare."

Craig Paulenich, sophomore, also supports Wallace, saying, "Unlike the other candidates, Mr. Wallace is unafraid to state his policies in the face of public ridicule. When he states his position on a certain matter, he remains unswerving and concrete on that position."

Gun'em Down Trap'em Quick

by Bee-J

Have ye heard tell of the doin's in Dogpatch? Seems somethin's cookin' 'sides kickapoo joy juice. From what I heard, seems thar's a dance brewin'. Toomuch ain't knowed yet, but I think it's November 23rd. They got the ding-dongest time fur that hullabaloo, 7:68 to 10:69. Ain't them the craziest hours.

Shore hope you other gals is gonna trap you a man. I shore is. Tain't no on I kain't ketch if I chase 'em long 'nuff and I's shore Mar-rin Sam'll be around ta do the hitchin'.

Thespians To Hold Tryouts Nov. 25

Tryouts for the Thespian Guild will be held November 25 and 27 after school in the auditorium. Students wishing to try out must prepare a monologue or dialogue, no less than three and no more than ten minutes in length. The presentations will be judged by the members of the club.

Future Teachers Engage In Open House Preparations

A committee selected by the Future Teachers of America will observe National Education Week

A committee selected by the Future Teachers of America will observe National Education Week, November 10-16, by serving as guides during Open House, November 14.

Several other projects for this week are being planned by the FTA. On November 11 apples and bookmarks will be distributed to teachers in the Hickory and Patagonia school systems. A brunch will be served to the high school faculty by the Refreshment

Committee on November 13 from 7:30 to 11 a.m. The Showcase Committee will make displays for two showcases.

The club also plans to broadcast a play over WPIC and WFAR.

The FTA held its first meeting of the '68-69 school year on Wednesday, October 16, in the auditorium. Mr. Robert McClune, assistant head of the elementary department at Edinboro State College, spoke to the group on the need for more elementary teachers and of the opportunities in this field. He concluded his program with a question and answer period.

Students Form Own Opinions On Atmosphere Examination

I personally resent being termed "apathetic, inambitious, and unindividualistic," as was inferred in the last edition of the Leaf. To make such a wide generalization of all the students of Hickory High School is an injustice to the students of this school who: 1. actively participate in class; and 2. sacrifice through extracurricular activities. For instance, on page two of the Leaf, there was an article concerning the National Honor Society and its orientation slide project for new students of the high school. Is this an example of the "apathetic, inambitious, and unindividualistic atmosphere which has settled over our school?"

It is unfortunate that, in its first edition of the school year, our school newspaper must emphasize the student body's faults rather than its good qualities.

Mark Vatavuk

Mondok Insinuates Leaf Air Elimination

I am extremely happy to see that the Hickory Leaf is concerned about the "apathetic, inambitious and unindividualistic atmosphere which has settled over our school." I know the Leaf staff will search relentlessly for the cause of this problem. It's about time somebody found out what Hickory High School is all about. It will be comforting for me to find out exactly what I've been attending for the last four years. I am confident the Leaf will try to arrest this problem by

continuing to print such personal, and unbiased articles. Anyone knows the best way to get rid of air pollution is to get rid of air.

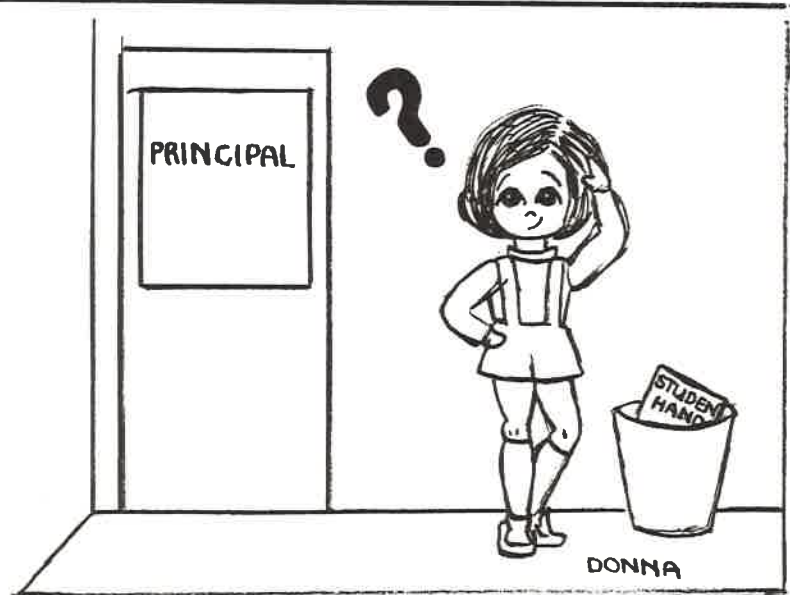
I'm sure everyone at Hickory recognizes the "apathetic inambitious and unindividualistic atmosphere that has settled over our school" but the student body is just too apathetic, inambitious and unindividualistic to do anything about it. I've noticed at football games everyone seems to be cheering for Hickory. No individuals. I never see any students picketing against the administration -- apathy. Why do students at Hickory have to follow certain rules? Why can't we do what we want all the time? No ambition.

As to the deep, thought provoking questions printed in the Leaf, well, I don't care, I don't feel like it, and I'll go along with the gang. But I do have one question. Is the Hickory Leaf written by the students, for the students? Your guess is as good as mine.

Mike Mondok

Staff Encourages Faculty Comments

Of 700 students who bought Leafs last month, only three were ambitious enough to take time to share their opinions with the paper. We wish to make it clear, that we are interested in all student, faculty, and administration reaction to any editorial printed. We reserve the right to correct grammatical and mechanical errors.



Protocol Closely Scrutinized

by Mickey Sinkus

Through no fault of our own, we, the student body of Hickory High School, are currently groping for a realistic definition of academic protocol.

Our administration has given us very few concrete guidelines which spell out directly the manner in which we are to conduct ourselves while in school.

Last spring, the administration drafted for us the constitution of our high school. This seemingly important document was entitled the "Student Handbook."

The forward of this so-called orientation booklet is as follows: "The purpose of this handbook is to help students become acquainted with the organization and requirements of the school, to aid and guide them in their conduct while in school and to have necessary information readily accessible."

If the booklet was written with this in mind, why weren't the regulations more specific? A typical example is the rule regarding dress. "Clothing worn to school shall be the generally accepted attire and all students must be clean and properly groomed."

With the use of the public address system, our principal has told the girls not to wear jump suits, pajamas or tennis skirts. In this facetious manner, our administration has created another indefinite regulation.

The majority of students act and dress in a praiseworthy manner. A finer description of rules would eliminate misunderstandings and would lead to better cooperation between students and principals.

Ferlinghetti Catches Man in Satirical View of Existence

by Jan Winner

A "Coney Island of the Mind" by Lawrence Ferlinghetti is a 92 page book of widely spaced poetry and tightly spaced satire. Ferlinghetti attacks the world with a sadness that can only be matched by his wry assault on the world's people and their animated existence.

Each line of his prosaic poetry stings the reader but soon the red blush of embarrassment is wiped away by the profound smile of acknowledgment and laughter. To read "A Coney Island of the Mind" and not to be involved within it or to find no reason of personal association with it, is not to read it at all.

Dealing most deeply with the metropolis dweller, "A

Coney Island of the Mind" plays deeply, intricately and almost sadly with each facet of men's lives and pulls each into startling realistic reality.

Ferlinghetti plays his role of Coney Island magistrate well. Entering the gate through Poem 1, the reader, whether shocked by a question of Christ's importance or repulsed by a question of adulterous sex, is compelled to participate in each new ride.

Finally, upon leaving the grounds one has searched the farthest, most amazing and imaginative corners of the mind, drawn out "A Coney Island of the Mind," passed up possible shame and sadness and has departed smiling and profoundly experienced.

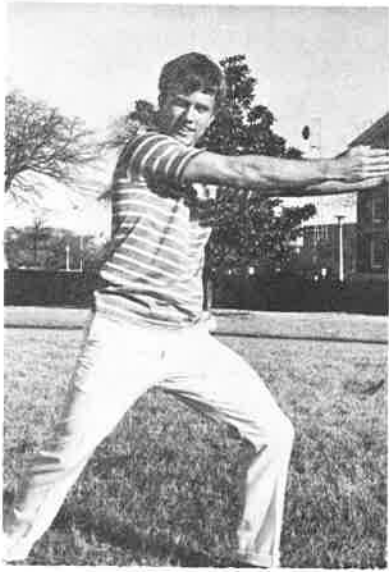


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Jim Lee, '67 alumni practices cheers in Dallas, Texas, for Southern Methodist University.

Alumni Unveil Talents In Variety of Activities

Don Blank, class of '67, complemented the set of water skiing honors started during his years at Hickory by some 40 odd trophies and medals this year. The highlight of the summer was his performance at the Eastern Regionals (which include 12 states) where he set tournament records in slalom and jumping and captured Overall for the tournament in Men's Division. He also placed fifth in jumping competition in the Nationals.

Don is now attending Richard Bland College, an extension of William and Mary, in

Petersburg, Virginia where he can ski 10 months out of the year.

Dianne Stefanick

Dianne Stefanick, class of '68, joined Cast A, one of three national casts, of Up With People and is now singing and dancing her way across the United States. With the Sing Out crew, she has performed from Chicago (for the Democratic convention) to New Orleans, visited NASA headquarters, and is now in Houston heading west.

At concerts, she is one of three chosen to give personal reasons for joining Up With People and is considering making a life out of it.

Jim Lee

Jim Lee, class of '67 jumped his way to head cheerleader at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. Last spring, Lee, then a freshman, became cheerleader through a series of elimination. After being judged on trampoline and acrobatic stunts, only 13 of the 30 students who tried out were still in the running. Students voted on these 13 after one week of campaigning. After the ballots were tallied, Lee came out on top.



Mrs. Alyce Parrish

Parrish Cops Prize For Fiction Essay

Mrs. Parrish, Spanish teacher, won \$100 from "Education Today" magazine for writing a fiction story.

Her story dealt with prejudice against minority groups. A girl, who had a black friend, was troubled about a racial problem. The girl's situation reminded her mother of a similar crisis she had faced with a Jewish girl when in high school.

The story concluded as the mother realized that today's generation can perhaps handle problems better than yesterdays.

Hickory Goes Hollywood; War Movie Pulls Crowds

Joe Nezdoba, senior, is Hickory's candidate for an Oscar for his performance in the locally produced movie, "It Must Be My Eyes."

Nezdoba co-starred in the production, a satire on war accompanied by appropriate pop music and dialogue. Others starring as soldiers included Hornet '68 graduate Tom Misko, and Bud Guerino and Ralph Zupo, both of Farrell. Carl Nezdoba, freshman, played a bit part as the enemy. The high point of the movie came as the four GI's were victor-

ious in capturing the enemy outpost and killing the lone defender.

Filming of the movie began in September on the Murko farm in Reynolds. To make the set more realistic, the boys dug foxholes and trenches. The script was written by Guerino and Misko. Cameramen Don Russo and makeup man Joe Scarvell played an important part in the production.

National Test Commends Senior Scholars

Letters of Commendation have been awarded to six Hickory students honoring them for their high performance on the 1968 National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Those named Commended stu-

dents are Gary Betz, Mary Fleet, Judy Hicks, Coe Kennedy, Angela Malovich, and Caroline Metzger.

They are among 39,000 students in the United States who scored in the upper 2 per-

cent of those who will graduate from high school in 1969.

The Commended students rank just below the 15,000 Semifinalists announced in September by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

John M. Stalnaker, president of NMSC said, "Although Commended Students advance no further in the Merit Scholarship competition, their outstanding record in a nationwide program deserves public recognition. Their significant academic attainment gives promise of continued success in college."

The Commended students names are reported to other scholarship granting agencies and to the colleges they named as their first and second choices when they took the National Merit Test in February 1968.

The reports include home address, test scores, and anticipated college majors and career intentions of the Commended students.

The purpose of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation is to encourage students to continue their education.

Dennis Covers For Snyder

Mrs. Virginia Snyder, junior-senior mathematics teacher, met up with trouble this year when she developed a cataract over her right eye; completely impairing vision of that eye.

"I didn't even realize my sight was gone in the eye, but when I tested it, I couldn't even read the E on the chart," she said. "You know, the big one."

The cataract was removed at Sharon General Hospital but Mrs. Snyder is now home. She does not expect to return until after Thanksgiving.

Taking over her classes during her absence is Mr. Norbert Dennis, a mathematics professor at the Shenango Valley Extension of Edinboro State College. Mr. Dennis is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University and has had previous experience with high school students during his six years teaching at Grove City High School.



Mrs. Fike presents letters of commendation to seniors Gary Betz, Coe Kennedy, Caroline Metzger, Mary Fleet, and Judy Hicks. Missing is Angela Malovich.



TEACHERS IN STORAGE! Each academic department has been assigned an office. Jack Smith, English curriculum coordinator, seems hard at work in the English office, previously used for

storage, as the sign on the door indicates.



Fifth and sixth grade students will enter the new elementary school for the first time next fall. Construction on the \$13 million school started last April. The building includes 22 classrooms, music, art, special education, and lecture rooms, cafeteria, a multi-purpose room, and extensive instructional materials facilities to be used as a center for all the elementary libraries.



Mrs. Johnson's eighth period English thespians ham it up for the camera in a modernized version of "Canterbury Tales." The cast includes Gary Simonton, Linda Thomas, Bob Astey, Debby Martin, Bill Ruffo, Sam Schenker, Alan Sverchek, and Dom Perry.



Student producer Joe Szabo aids Mrs. Joan Walker at rehearsals of the senior class play, "We Shook the Family Tree."

Actors Kathy Orr and Roger Urmson sit out this act with Shelly Hamilton, committee coordinator for the play.



Hildegarde, played by Sandy Banas, explains a debate to brothers, Jimmy and Bob, and sister, Sally.

Council Airls Ideas Discusses Elections

The recent elections of class officers was the feature topic for discussion at the Student Council meeting held Oct. 17.

The Council voted unanimously to change the system of balloting and to guarantee student council elections in the spring.

A committee was appointed to gather material and ideas for election procedures from neighboring schools.

Detention Converts To Punishment Hall

A new set of regulations has been adopted by the administration for the behavior of students in detention hall.

Students are not permitted to talk, do homework, read, go to the restroom, eat, sleep, or write.

The new rules are designed to make detention a punishment, as it is intended to be instead of another study hall.

Mary Lee Captains JV Cheerleaders

The newly selected Junior Varsity cheerleaders, Mary Lee Perry, Barb Simonton, Cindy Polansky, and Janine O'Malley, led the cheers for the first time at the JV game Oct. 21 against Farrell.

This is the first year Hickory has had JV cheerleaders. Miss Jacqueline Mitch organized and advises the group.

Each girl was chosen according to her acrobatic abilities and her presentation of an original cheer.

As to the aims of the cheerleaders, Mary Lee Perry, captain, said, "We hope to increase the school spirit by our efforts at the JV games."

Marching Musicians Travel; Senior Participants Lauded

The Hickory Marching Band, consisting of 84 members, and directed by Philip Kulusich, added a touch of music to the Hornet football games again this year.

The highlight of the season was an invitation to participate in Band Day at Clarion State College, Clarion, Pennsylvania, September 28. The 1,257 participants, from 14 bands, formed the letters CSC on the field at halftime of



John Leyde

School Board Selects Leyde To Aid in School Problems

Have you ever thought what it would be like to be running the school and making all the executive decisions? This is one question that has recently been answered for Mr. John Leyde, the newly elected member of the Hickory Township School Board.

Mr. Leyde, who is self-employed as a part owner of Leyde Automotive and Machine Company, was elected early in September following the resignation of former member, Al-

bert Agosti. He has since found the experience "enlightening" to the ways of school management and very enjoyable.

In regard to the school board and its meetings, Mr. Leyde commented that although the meetings were open to the public, there has been no participation from the students in any of the discussions regarding school life. He would, however, like to see some interest in the future from some of the class leaders.

Mr. Leyde, who is the father of three children, John, 18, Jean, 15, and Elizabeth, 13, resides at 1838 Highland Road.

Bedridden Walker Learns By Intercommmed Classroom

Patti Walker has not yet returned to Hickory High for her senior year due to an accident in August in which she broke her ankle and fractured her pelvis.

She spent three weeks in the hospital and is now at home. In an effort to strengthen her muscles enabling her to walk again, Patti must do

exercises prescribed by the doctor.

In order to keep her up on her studies, Bell Telephone Company has installed a device in her home and the school which enables Patti to listen in on some of her classes. When the system is perfected she should be able to talk with them too.

FBLA Journeys, Treats with Sweets

Future Business Leaders of America has announced plans for an active year. Members hope to tour an IBM plant in Sharon and visit Robert Morris Junior College in Pittsburgh.

Trick or Treating for the children at Sharon General Hospital proved a challenging project for members on Halloween. Club members dressed up in costumes and canvassed local neighborhoods for the candy.

Guidance Guidepost

Nov. 2 Penalty date for December SAT

Nov. 11 Registration deadline for ACT in December

Dec. 7 College Boards (SAT)

Dec. 14 ACT Test

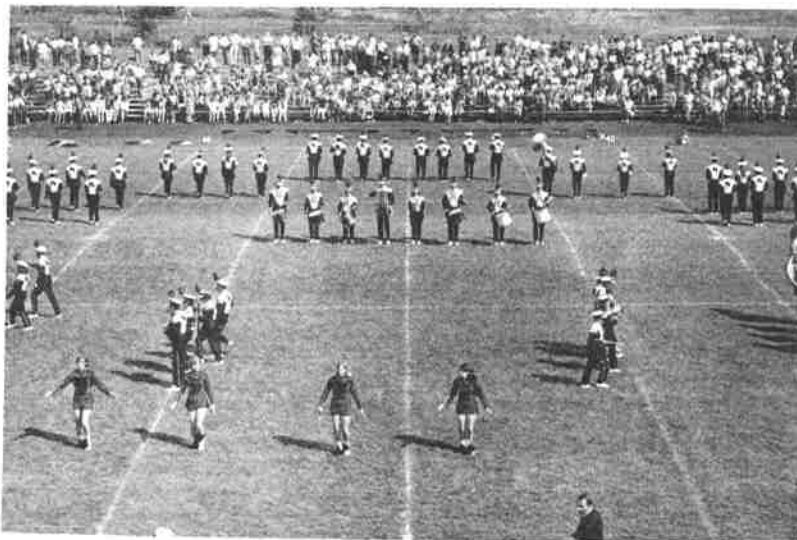
Dec. 21 National League of Nursing Test

Newly Formed Club Promotes Athletics

A small group of Hickory sports enthusiasts have formed a Boosters club which has swelled to a membership of 150 after only four weeks.

In their first four meetings, the members have elected Paul Teglo, president, and Russ Williams, vice-president. Movies of varsity football games have been shown and plans for trophies honoring the outstanding lineman and back have been made. They have served refreshments to varsity players after games and are now discussing construction of a curbed track and fieldhouse.

Charles Miles, club member, summed up the meaning of the Boosters. "Our primary function is to support all sports in Hickory Township, including auxiliary organizations."



The Marching Band gives impressive half-time performance.

Eagles Round Out Hornet Schedule

The Hornets closed the '68 football season Saturday when the Grove City Eagles traveled to the Hickory gridiron. Both teams were fresh off the victory trail; Grove City upset Sharpsville and Hickory beat Oil City the previous weekend.

Hornet gridders chalked up their first victory at the last game in September. The Hornets came from behind in the final stanza to beat the Meadville Bulldogs 14-12. Paul Verocco and Jack Leipheimer scored the Hickory tallies with Dan Dougherty's extra points proving the margin of victory.

The following weekend the team played host to Farrell. The Night Riders defense blocked four Hornet punts in rolling to a 38-7 victory in our Homecoming clash. Verocco scored Hickory's lone touchdown in the fourth quarter of

action.

Hickory traveled to Sharpsville October 12. In a bruising, well-fought contest the Blue Devils outpointed the Hornets 20-7 after the latter grabbed a 7-0 lead on a 60-yard Verocco sprint.

A slippery, muddy field seemed to slow down the Hornet offense much more than it affected Sharon's. The Tigers broke loose on several long runs beating the Hornets 34-6 as Hickory's record slid to 1-6.

The following Friday, the team rode to Oil City for a clash against the Oilers. Through a steady downpour the teams battled on a field of mud. Hickory struck first with Gary Williams sprinting 65 yards for a 7-0 Hornet lead. Oil City came back in the second quarter toally but missed the extra point as Hickory took a 7-6 lead at halftime. In the fourth stanza, Kevin Tomich pushed over the end-line for a 13-6 score, the team's second victory.



Skip Siefert and Dave Lawton jump to good position early in the Sharon meet.

Lawton Grabs Spot Of October Athlete

Mr. Michael Bavola, head coach of Hickory's cross country team, has named Dave Lawton as October's athlete of the month.

"Dave's leadership qualities not only on but off of the course summed up my reasons for presenting Lawton with the award," said Mr. Bavola.

At the start of the cross country season, Dave felt he was not capable of being a good long distance runner. But by placing first twice and second five times out of ten meets, Lawton has proved his ability over the tough two and a half mile course.

During the past track season, Dave was awarded a junior varsity numeral for his performances in the 880 yard run.



Dave Lawton



Coach Edwin McGlumphy kicks off the '68-69 basketball season by welcoming potential players as ninth grade coach, Mr. Michael Bavola, assists.

McGlumphy, Lewis Launch Season's Opening Practices

The first week of November will officially mark the start of Varsity basketball and wrestling seasons.

The roundballers are presently working themselves into shape by participating in the cross-country program.

The team will have four lettermen. Joe Sebestyen, Gary Rice, Mickey Mondok, and Bob Rupnik, all seniors, compiled an impressive 16-4 record. Danny Bell, junior, also saw considerable action last year.

The first game will be against Erie Strong-Vincent on November 30.

Coach George Lewis and his wrestlers shoved off their 1968-69 season with daily practices beginning yesterday.

The first two weeks of workouts will be laid down. The start of live wrestling with full-length practices will begin November 18.

These starting dates are considerably earlier than last

season's. "The reason for this, Coach Lewis stated, "is because of the long length of this year's schedule."

The first match is December 10 against Seneca Valley at home.

Leaders Announce Travels To Slippery Rock Exhibition

Girls in Leaders Club have announced plans for an active year. On October 19, six girls participated in a "Play Day" at Grove City High School. Sports played included volleyball and relays.

Plans include a trip to Slippery Rock State College to view a gymnastic exhibition, instructions in self-defense, and tennis lessons which have already begun and will continue, weather permitting. The formation of volleyball,

basketball, and tennis teams is in the making and tournaments will be scheduled in the near future.

Officers of the club are Sharon Taylor, president; Vickie Hess, vice-president; Patti Whitworth, secretary; Judy Wilcox, treasurer; Betsy Rae, program chairman; and Marilyn Greene, social chairman. Sally McKown, physical education instructor, serves as adviser.

Turfers Round Up Successful Season

The Hornet cross-country team, in its first year of competition, has surprised many with its fine record. The turfers are assured of a winning season under Coach Michael Bavola.

Leading the team with two first place finishes and three seconds is Dave Lawton. Sam King is second with consistently high finishes. Other leaders are Gary Simonton, Tom Douth, Al Kasich, and Rusty King.

The team's current record is 11-5, with one meet remaining. Hornet victories have been recorded against Greenville twice, Shenango, Sharon, Boardman, Levittsburg, Champion twice, Reynolds twice, and Riverside.

Skip Siefert, senior team member, said, "I am proud to be a part of this great group of boys that make up Hickory's first cross-country team. A lot of individual work goes into this sport, and by the coaching of Mr. Bavola, we became a team."