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NEW SYSTEM TO BE USED

For the purpose of limiting, to a reasonable extent, student participation in extra-curricular activities, some years ago High Point high school devised a point system. For the past few years, however, this system has not been in active use, but a revised plan is now under consideration for its reinstatement as a policy of this school.

In its proposed form the policy, which will concern the present student body, may deviate somewhat from the original, although its purpose is essentially the same. Here is the plan:

1. To develop a system in which each extra-curricular activity is given a definite number of points. The value of each activity has been arrived at by taking into consideration (a) the relative amount of work, outside of regular studies, involved; (b) the relative amount of time required to discharge the duties involved; (c) the relative honor and dignity attached; (d) the need to bring about a wider distribution of honors throughout the student body.

2. To require that no student may earn, at any one time, more than fifteen points unless his scholastic rating is exceptionally high.

In the original plan, the point values ranged from ten for student body president to one for minor offices, minor parts in dramatic work, and membership in a club or on an athletic team. The revised system, it is hoped, will be as successful now as it was in past years.

BIBLE CLASSES EXHIBIT WORK

On display in the library this week is an exhibit showing the different types of creative work recently completed by members of the classes in Bible taught by Miss Laura McInnis, who is now serving her first year as a member of the local high school faculty.

The first semester was spent in the study of the Old Testament. In connection with this work, the Bible students produced a colorful array of posters, maps of the Holy Land, and a number of other special projects. One of the last is a large notebook made up of a collection of original poems, letters, stories, and pictures of characters—all based on the Old Testament. To this notebook both first and second year Bible students contributed.

The New Testament will be studied during the spring semester. Already such projects as the writing and production of religious plays, the composition of poems illustrative of the life of Christ, original maps or charts of the New Testament books, and studies of hymns, miracles, and parables are being planned.

Office Fills Out Many Transcripts

Numbers of college transcripts for members of the present senior class are now being filled out in the general office. The administration advises that students send in their applications as soon as possible to the colleges they wish to attend.

These transcripts call for the student's scholastic record throughout his four high school years. Comments regarding the character, personality traits, and family background of the candidate are also asked for, and likewise his participation in extra-curricular activities.

'Is There Life On Mars?'

Now, we know! That age-old question, "Is there any life on Mars?" has been at least partially answered. Several weeks ago, Mars came closer to the earth than it will come again in two years (63,000,000 miles—practically a collision, wasn't it?) and our leading astronomers were not caught napping—no, sirree!

For months they had been preparing their charts, graphs, and the 82-inch telescope in anticipation of this momentous occasion. Except for one brief interlude, these men stuck to their posts. As we were so graphically informed by station WMFR, there was one brief period during which the observatory was quite deserted.

Now, we cannot blame the professors. After all, everyone else was tearing down to the Neill Motor Company to see the new 1948 Pontiac; consequently we should not begrudge our astronomers such an opportunity.

At any rate, they got a good peck at Mars and concluded that possibly some low forms of plant and animal life may be found on our fellow planet. Even so, it will probably be some time before Eastern Air Lines will run a regularly scheduled flight to Mars.



NEWLY-APPOINTED '47-'48 PEMICAN "big-wheels" are: (left to right) Editor-in-Chief, Heywood Washburn; Associate Editor, Nancy Jo Smith; and Business Manager, Dewey Greer. They have already assumed duties and "started the ball rolling" on next year's annual.

Washburn To Head Pemican Staff

FOUR RECEIVE TOP RATING

According to a recent announcement issued by the Pepsi Cola Scholarship board, Basilia Cavarnos, June Smith, Ralph Tilden, and Dick Davenport are rated among the top high school students of the state and nation. This year 20,000 high school seniors in the United States took the test.

Each year the two highest contestants in each state are awarded valuable four-year scholarships to the colleges of their choice, and other contestants receive lesser prizes.

Cast Is Selected For Senior Play

Tryouts for the senior play, "The Whole Town's Talking," a modern comedy in three acts, which will be presented by the class of 1948 on April 9 and 10, have resulted in the selection of a cast which includes five boys and ten girls.

Sandusky, Ohio, is the town in which everything happens. The plot revolves around a girl, just out of college, whose father insists upon her marrying the man of his choice. The daughter, of course, does not agree. Complications are increased by the arrival of a popular movie star. The events following this build up to a startling and highly romantic climax.

The cast includes the following seniors: Katherine Hester, Bill Gray, Perry Keziah, Judy Rockwell, Betty Sue Coltrane, Walter Tice, Tony Teachey, Barbara George, Betty Jo Smith, Barbara Smart, Benny Jessup, Jo Kimsey, and extra girls.

Students Work On Display

Recently there has been on display in the library an attractive collection of book covers done by the third and fourth-year English classes of Miss Eleanor Young and Mrs. E. T. Harrison. The book jackets are made of colored construction paper and many are adorned with original art work. Each includes a synopsis of the story. The reports are on all types of books, including several by Shakespeare and Wilde.

Greer Named Business Manager; Smith Is Associate Editor

Heywood Washburn, present engraving editor of the local high school yearbook, has been chosen to edit the 1948-49 edition of the *Pemican*. To assist him in the work of assembling the forthcoming annual, Dewey Greer has been named as business manager and Nancy Jo Smith as associate editor. All three are members of the rising senior class. Miss Dorothy Hollar, who will continue as adviser, states that the new staff is already making plans for next year's *Pemican*.

Has Had Previous Training

As engraving editor, Heywood Washburn has had much practical experience in this type of work. He was also one of the group of staff members who, last Thanksgiving, attended the National Scholastic Association convention at Cleveland, Ohio. Dewey Greer served on the business staff of the *Junior Pointer*, and also worked on the football program committee last fall. Nancy Jo Smith likewise gained experience through her connection with the junior high publication.

Other Staff Members Named

Still other members of the newly-appointed yearbook staff are as follows: Alton Embler, photography editor; Dot Kendall and Carolyn Murray. (Continued on Page 4)

Band Is Complete In Music Contest

Members of the local high school band will be in Winston on March 13 to compete for honors in the annual district band contest. Under the direction of Mr. Julian F. Helms, who, they feel, has put new life into the organization, they hope to make ratings sufficiently high to enable them to participate in the state contest at Greensboro this spring.

This district, corresponding to the Northwestern District of the N. C. E. A., includes about fifteen counties. As more emphasis is now being placed on the district contests, the rulings will be more stringent than heretofore so as to lessen the number participating in the final contest.

The selections to be played are "Ruy Blas" by Mendelssohn, "The First Suite for Military Band" by Holst, and "Americans We" by Filmore. Judges for the contest will be James C. Pfohl of Davidson College; Allan Bone of Duke University, and Earl Slocum of the University of North Carolina.

French Classes Seek Foreign Friendships

Members of the French classes in senior high have been given, through the International Students Society, the opportunity to exchange letters with students from France, Tunisia, Algeria, or Belgium.

A fee of ten cents enables pupils to correspond with English students of the French-speaking countries for the purpose of bettering relations between nations, of exchanging information about life in the respective countries, and of fostering true ideas concerning the workings of American democracy.

From any one of the four countries, the local students were given an opportunity to select a correspondent of any age, either a boy or a girl.

APRIL SET FOR CONFERENCE

The annual Social Standards Conference, sponsored by the upper house of the student council, will be held in April. The all-day program will include assemblies, group discussions, and will close with a dance sponsored by the lower house.

A number of speakers will be invited by the student council to confer with the students on a variety of subjects. As in previous years, invitations will be extended to other schools to attend the meetings.

In preparation for the conference, each pupil has been asked to name, in the order of his preference, four topics which he would like to hear discussed. No one, however, will be able to attend more than two of these groups. If possible, everyone will be given his first and second choice of topics.

COMING UP...

March 12 — Peace Contest under the auspices of the Bar Association.

March 12-13 — Honor Society Conference in Goldsboro, N. C.

March 15 — Community Concert; Svetlova Ballet.

March 18 — U. S. Army speaker at assembly program.

March 19 — Freshman-Sophomore prom.

March 24 — Assembly program: "Wings Over Jordan."

March 26-27 — Beta Club conference in Raleigh, N. C.

March 26-29 — Easter holidays.

Theme Chosen For 1948 Prom

A gleaming ship deck—with soft lights and the popular strains of "Now Is the Hour" as theme melody—is the setting chosen for the 1948 freshman-sophomore prom.

Plans for this event, to be held on Friday night, March 19, are now being formulated. Mrs. Shaw and Miss Hatch, faculty advisers, have chosen chairmen for the various committees. Following the annual custom, couples were appointed as sponsors to "keep festivities going."

These are Jean Hayworth with Thurman McKenzie; Doris Craven with Fred Farmer; Tommie Lentz with Kenneth Geddie; Polly Ann Eady with Max Wilson; Carolyn Andrews with Charles Martin; Peggy Teer with Glen Hudson; Joan Crowder with Bob Fountain; Sylvia Siebert with Albert Sawyer; Betty Jo Snider with Buddy Nance; Diana Wagger with Harold Rohban; Barbara Steele with Jerry Byrd, and Joanne Wischum with Donald Setliff.

Don Elkins Is Now A Licensed Pilot

Don Elkins, senior, who has been interested in aviation ever since he was a small boy, is now a licensed pilot and flies a J-3 Piper Cub. This past September Don began taking lessons from John Spencer at Fraley Field, and in the latter part of October he received his N. C. license, number 23167.



Ink On My Hands
by Marilyn

It still won't come off! I've tried everything from Swan soap to—uh—sulfuric acid. Oh, well—

Never underestimate . . .

You guessed it! The power of a woman. Barbara George set some sort of a record at the driver's exhibition last week by stopping the car at a given signal in a few tenths seconds less time than the expert had ever been able to do it in.

'Scuse me, but did someone say something about women drivers?

Out of place?

Although this little piece might well appear on the sports page, we'd be mighty proud to set it in screaming headlines. It's the feeling of pride for the Black Bison '47-'48 basketball squad and the record they've set. The Bisons have made more consecutive wins and consequently, fewer defeats than any team in HPHS history. It's also the tallest team we've had. One thing's sure: That team will be long remembered in the sports history of the city and High Point High.

Now a word of due appreciation to Sergeant Frank Shields, obliging and patient, who took the varsity cheerleaders to all the out-of-town games—Greenville, S. C., included. Thanks, Sarge!

Department of Utmost Devotion.

We're speaking of Jimmy Simeon, coach's 4-year-old, and his devotion to "Biddy Way" (athlete Bill Ray Hunsucker). Despite the fact that Bill Ray has several times threatened to cut off Jim's head with his pocket knife, Jimmy remains loyal. At an interview Jimmy said, "When our players come up, I can yell and ish-wel real loud." (He says whistle backwards). Incidentally, he was recently assigned a downstairs locker with key and everything.

Ruth rode in my brand new car
In the seat in back of me.
I took a bump at 65
And rode on—ruthlessly!

26 TO ENTER U. N. CONTEST

Twenty-six senior high students have chosen to enter the countrywide United Nations Contest sponsored by the American Association for the United Nations. These participants, on Friday, April 9, will take the national examination at the local high school.

A European trip, if conditions next summer make such travel possible, will be the first national award. However, if this trip cannot be arranged, a first prize of \$500, to be used for the student's education at whatever college he or she may wish to attend, will be awarded the winner. The second national prize will be \$100. In addition, college scholarships and state or local awards are also being offered.

Contesting students are Don Andrews, Florence Fine, Nancy Snider, Bill Almond, Betsy Baker, Barbara Lowe, Vernon Melton, Peggy Russell, Jeanne Walton, Paul Hardin, Barbara George, Rodger Snyder.

Sara Shaw, Frances Floyd, Paul Friedman, Mary Ella Coffey, Joyce Dawkins, Basilia Cavarnos, Walter Tice, Jane Roach, Sophia Steffan, Betty Jo Hedrick, Spencer Hurley, Harry Kotsonis, Joe Aaron, and Alvis Ennis.

Debaters Selected For Annual Event

According to an announcement made recently, the High Point high school debating team for this year will include Jackie Meekins and Sophia Steffan on the affirmative, and Dewey Greer and Kent Jackson on the negative side. Alternates will be Jeanne Walton and Clyde Garrison.

The subject for debate is "Resolved: That the federal government should require arbitration of labor disputes in all basic American industries." On April 2 the affirmative team will debate Winston-Salem here, while the negative team will meet the Greensboro team in Greensboro.

Ten students tried out in the preliminary debate. Advisers for the local team are Miss Watson and Mr. Sim Southard.