

# Junior-Senior Raises Spirits Rush Fails To Dampen Eve

Once again the excitement of Junior-Senior elated spirits; and with the last minute rush of putting finishing touches on decorations, the beginning of a long to be-remembered evening began.

Starting with a banquet at Josh Bulluck's the famished members of the junior and senior classes devoured plates of fried chicken, cole slaw, barbecue, brunswick stew and corn bread. With the exchange of toasts, spirits soared as the first half of the 1957 Junior-Senior got under way.

Columns in the large dining room were decorated with red, yellow, green, and blue crepe paper which gave a festive, carnival effect. Lighted candles and roses adorned the tables.

### 'Enchanted Forest'

Later in the evening upperclassmen rushed into the gym to behold the "longest-kept secret" Junior-Senior theme. "The Enchanted Forest" had an eerie atmosphere. In one corner of the vast gym a huge red spider occupying an enormous cobweb was ready to spring on any victim who ventured too near. Above the main entrance hung another huge green spider in his web.

Murals of elves, fairies, and all sorts of forest creatures occupied places along the walls. Dozens of moss-draped silver trees and weeping willows showed signs of imagination and hard work on the

part of the Decorations Committee. From the "sky" overhead hundreds of stars twinkled, and at the far end of the gym in front of a backdrop of stars was the queen's throne, a yellow crescent moon. To one side a huge weeping willow tree did not weep — but smiled broadly on the many dancers who had come to see a queen crowned.

### Queen Greets Court

During intermission the students learned who the queen and her court were, as selected by Dave Garroway. The queen was Miss Judy Capps and the maid of honor was Miss Linda Gail Pridgen. Members of the court were Misses Celia Brake, Jo Jo Cuthrell, Bettie Lou Savage, Bettie Ann Whitehurst, and Carol Wilson.

Other attendants were Misses Molly Arnold, Brenda Burnette, Charlotte Carmichail, Barbara Davis, Ellen Joyner, Linda Carole Kelley, Sandra Shaw, Barbara Southerland, and Kitty Thurman.

### Bill Winters MC's

Bill Winters, program chairman, acted as Master of Ceremonies and Miss Clare Davenport, business manager of THE BLACKBIRD, presented the queen and her court to an eager audience.

Mrs. Valeria Sorrell's pupils danced. Misses Sonya Hooker and Judy Sorrell did specialty numbers, and Ronald Perry sang for the queen. After the entertainment, the figure of a star was formed by outstanding students from the junior and senior classes. The Statesmen from State College provided the music for an enchanted evening in an "Enchanted Forest".

# Students Select 10 From 38 Tryouts For Cheerleaders

After a special assembly yesterday the students voted for ten rising junior and senior girls out of 38 eager contestants for next year's cheering squad.

Mr. C. V. Lundy asked the girls who wanted to try out for cheerleading to turn in their names. The contestants, the former cheerleaders, and Mr. C. M. Edson had a meeting and voted to divide the candidates into five groups for practicing.

Last year's five girl cheerleaders headed the groups. The girls in the first division led by Brenda Burnette were Molly Arnold, Bonnie Baker, Kay Beach, Linda Beland, Jane Bradley, Celia Brake, and Judy Brown. The second group of girls directed by Linda Carole Kelly, were Lou Bryan, Wayne Bulluck, Joyce Burgess, Nancy Carr, Nancy Coggins, Gloria Faris, and Gloria Gold.

Those in the third group led by Eleanor Bulluck were Puddie Gold,



"Let's go, Blackbirds" yelled the above girls in their tryouts for positions on next year's cheerleading squad. They are front row from left Brenda Burnette, Nancy Carr and Susie Street; back row Linda Gail Pridgen, Puddie Gold, Judy Brown, and Joyce Burgess. (Photo by Barringer)

Judy Hamilton, Linda Hammond, Sandra Hardesty, Regina Harles, Nancy Harlow, and Sandra Hedgepeth. The fourth group directed

by Bettie Ann Whitehurst included Sonya Hooker, Peggy Lamm, Mildred Landen, Bonnie Murchison, Betsy Alexander, Gloria Nelson, and Vicky Odom.

Sylvia Lancaster headed the fifth group with Linda Pridgen, Kit Sanders, Barbara Southerland, Anna Spruill, Susie Street, Jane Sutton, Kay Taylor, and Ester Joyner.

When this article went to press the winners were not known.

# Clubs, Assembly

## Choir Fills Agenda For May

During the month of May performances for two civic clubs, and assembly program, and two commencement exercises filled the agenda of the school choir, directed by Mr. H. T. Parry.

At the Ricks Hotel the choir sang for the Kiwanis Club May 16 and for the Rotary Club May 20. The choir will entertain the student body for an assembly program this next Friday.

Seniors who are in the choir will not only go to the commencement exercises, but will also sing at two of them—the Baccalaureate sermon Sunday, May 26, and

the graduation exercises Friday night, May 31.

Among the selections which the choir will sing are "Round and Round," "I Believe In One God," "Pretending," "Never Never Land," "Stowaway," "Give Me Your Tired Your Poor," "Red Wing," "Swinging On A Star," "Rosary," and "No Man Is An Island."

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