

SHS Holds Induction, Presents Two Plays

The Spanish Honor Society inducted 15 members today during the second period assembly.

School Expands Vocational Field

"I hope that our vocational program can be expanded to offer a good solid foundation in basic secretarial and vocational training," states Miss May Marshbanks, high school principal.

At present the only vocational courses offered are business English, typing, distributive education, and home economics.

Next year, if school funds allow, CHHS will maintain a full-time teacher in industrial arts and home economics and two full-time commercial arts teachers.

DE Remains Intact

The distributive education program will remain intact.

Miss Marshbanks hopes to re-organize business English, consumer mathematics, and commercial arts into a commercial department which will probably be located in rooms which are now used by the junior high.

2nd Year Course Starts

"I would also like to start a second-year commercial course which will consist of training in office practices," explains Miss Marshbanks.

"CHHS also needs part-time art, music, and physical education teachers, but the budget for next year has not yet been approved, and with the increased enrollment we may need all the teacher allotment for standard courses."

First-year students are Michael Beebe, Brent Blackmer, Andy Johansson, Doug Johnston, Jill Hickey, Robbie Hooker, Nixie Miller, Steve Oakley, Myrt Trageser, Kathryn Williams and Linda Wright.

Second-year students are Joan Archer, Peter Bream, Anne Chaffin, David Clarke, Randy Ellington and Anne Wade.

First-year students must have an A average to be inducted and second-year students must have maintained a B average their second year, explained Eva Lee Blaine, president of the Chapel Hill chapter of the Spanish Honor Society.

Two Skits Performed

Two skits were performed by the Spanish Club for entertainment. "The Legend of the Flower Bird" revealed a tragic story of the Spaniards in Central America, who sacrificed small girls in order to prevent earthquakes. Leslie McCracken played the part of Xochiquetzal, the little girl, while Dany Fitch played the part of her hero.

The second skit was an original script written by Arlene Macklin, vice-president of the club, and Mrs. June Basile, adviser. The skit illustrated customs of teenagers in different Spanish-speaking countries.

Salmon and Barreiro Dance

Len Salmon, American Field Service student from Ecuador, demonstrated an Ecuadorian dance. Elvira Barreiro demonstrated a Mexican dance with Stan Perry.

Kay Marley contributed to the program by singing an ancient South American song.

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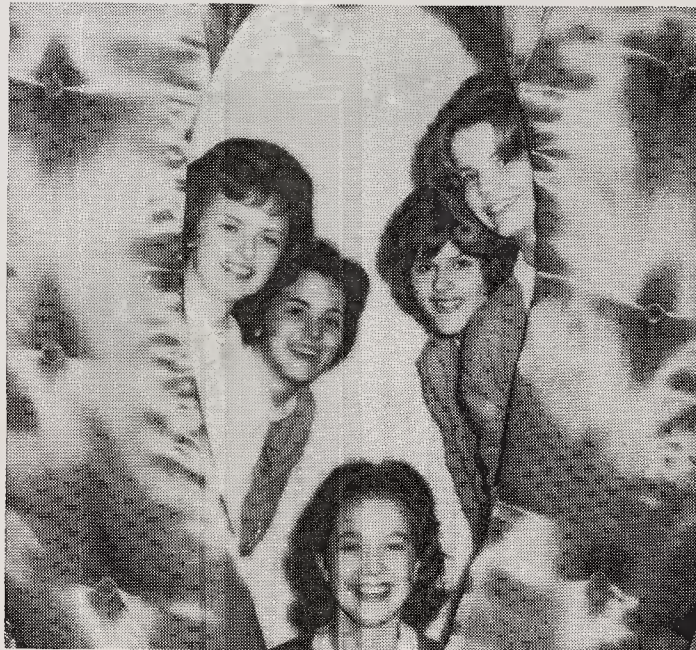
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Sweetheart Ball Is Saturday



(photo by Lauterer)

SWEETHEART CANDIDATES pose in the framework of a large heart. Left to right: Carol Cheek, Sue Tyree, Jane Graham, Linda Dixon, and Kay Marley.

Hearts and flowers, carrying out the traditional theme, will transform the mundane high school cafeteria into a romantic haven for the annual Sweetheart Ball, to be held this Saturday night, February 16, from 8-11:45.

Seniors Joan Archer and Carol Cheek, juniors Kay Marley and Sue Tyree, and sophomores Linda Dixon and Jane Graham will compete for the title of Sweetheart of CHHS.

Deedee Whitney, CHHS's Sweetheart Queen last year who is now living in Charlotte, has been invited back to Chapel Hill to crown her successor at the dance.

Queen Chosen for Personality

Each year the queen, her maid of honor, and her court are chosen by popular vote of the student body on the basis of outstanding personality.

Master of ceremonies for the presentation of the candidates for queen and their escorts will be senior George Thompson.

Dance Semi-Formal

The dance will be semi-formal, as in past years. Tickets, which went on sale last week, are 75 cents stag or drag. Profits will go to help pay for rising printing costs of the *Proconian*, whose staff is

sponsoring the affair.

Each staff member is working on one or more of the six committees responsible for decorations, refreshments, publicity, tickets, music, and clean-up.

Mrs. Martha Gill, adviser to the *Proconian*, states that "the combined efforts of the staff members and the support of the student body will, I'm sure, make the Sweetheart Ball even more successful than our last project, the Mid-Exam Dance."

Panel Discusses Problems Of Teenagers' Social Life

Many of the social problems of today's teenagers in Chapel Hill are the result of little or no discipline or guidance when they are of junior high school age.

This was the consensus of senior high students Grove Burnett, Jane Dyer, and George Thompson and junior high students Bob Rasmussen, Linda Cansler, and Stanley Greenberg—members of a panel moderated by high school senior Ann Cleaveland.

The panel's discussion of "The Strengths and Weaknesses of Teenage Social Life in Chapel Hill" attracted a large crowd at a meeting of the Parent-Youth League Thursday night, January 31, in the high school auditorium.

Problems Increasing

Smoking, drinking, and sexual immorality are on the increase in the community, said the panelists.

The panelists agreed that parents have both the right and the responsibility to set age and time limits on dating and standards of conduct at parties, as long as the rules they impose are not arbitrary.

Open Houses Blamed

Open house parties, which were described as more or less traditional in Chapel Hill, were blamed for much teenage misconduct.

This custom, stated the panelists, makes it difficult to prevent people who have been drinking from coming to the party and damaging the host's property.

Immorality Present

Evidently sexual immorality is not as great in the junior high as it is in the high school. "One of the causes of immorality in our social life," stated Grove Burnett, "is lack of something to do on a date."

The other panelists agreed. It was suggested that a place to go after school and on weekends with soft drinks and music for dancing would help solve this problem.

Both junior and senior high students agreed that by the time students reach high

school, smoking is such a firmly entrenched practice that very little can be done about it.

Jane Dyer added, "They say let's go out and get drunk. I've never seen anybody drinking for any reason other than to get drunk."

Two Students See Astronauts

Keeping up with professional newspapers, the *Proconian* sent a reporter to the press conference with nine astronauts at the Morehead Planetarium on January 30.

Carol Jenzano, whose father,

Tony Jenzano, directs the Planetarium and plans the astronauts' training in Chapel Hill, extended to *Proconian* Editor Melanie Ripperton an invitation to attend the conference.

Because of her father's connection in the training program, Carol has had an opportunity to meet several of the original seven astronauts including Shepard, Shira, and Grishholm.

Sense of Humor Evident

"I'm always impressed with how human they are," remarked Carol. "Even during their concentrated training they maintain their good sense of humor."

This sense of humor was evident at the interview when Major Frank Borman remarked that the "only time we get cold feet and butterflies in our stomachs is at press conferences."

Moon Is Destination

The astronauts' trip to Chapel Hill was a part of their initial training which ended on February 4. At the Planetarium the men learn the star patterns so that they will be able to orient themselves in space.

The men are now training for specific flights. According to Ray Zedekar, plan director, one of these nine astronauts may go to the moon by 1967.

In the meantime they undergo strenuous physical and mental training. The men do not mind the work, however. They agree that it is more of a hobby with them than anything else.

Bridge Playing Aired

(Editor's note: In answer to the *Proconian's* request, Miss May Marshbanks, high school principal, explains why she disapproves of bridge playing during school hours.)

What is the purpose for having a study hall in your schedule rather than filling your day with six classes? Anyone who seriously considers this question and gives an honest answer would reply that it is to have time for study.

Having pondered these ideas to a logical conclusion, the answer to the question "Why can't we play bridge, or chess, or just loaf during school hours?" is found in another question: "Who is doing so well with their school work and is already so widely read that they have time for such things between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 3:30 P.M.?"

Time and again the request is made to drop a subject in order to have more time to give to other subjects so that one's grades may be improved. Over and over parents and teachers are concerned because certain pupils are not producing in a manner comparable to their ability.

In most cases the answer is not found in more time, but more efficient use of the time now available. Indeed, who DOES have time in the school day for trivial things?



(photo by Lauterer)

COLD-NATURED pooch dons a scarf as he comes out of his heated dog house.

Pooch Has Home With Heat

"The world is going to the dogs"—or so it's been said, but judging from the life of Paula Sturdivant's dog Rascal, that existence wouldn't be bad.

As winter approached, Rascal, or "Rasi" as Paula affectionately calls him, began to get cold. To remedy the situation the Sturdivants decided to build Rasi a heated and lighted home of his own.

"We ordered the house for \$10," says Paula. "The thermostat, wiring, and miscellany cost about \$15.

"The house is painted green—to match the shutters of our house. At the moment there are a few holes for ventilation, but," she adds laughingly, "we're thinking of putting in windows." An old inner-tube serves as a bed, and Rasi has his own porch-patio and two light bulbs.

"The porch-patio is a three-sided affair attached to the front of the house. Now there

is a canvas door to the main living quarters, but before we installed this, Rasi had many uninvited guests!"

As yet, Rasi has received no breakfasts in bed and to Paula's knowledge has thrown no patio cocktail parties, but still—who will ever again complain about a night in the doghouse?!

Passing Views

Randy Ellington playing pool at Jill Hickey's house with "vigor" . . . Over a hundred people absent Friday during the snow . . . Peter Bream counting 30 dihedral angles in Mrs. Sommerfeld's second period Geometry class . . . Mrs. Shepard making people apply for the Aubrey Lee Brooks Scholarship . . . Len Salmon making his first snowball . . . 14 sixth graders learning to type in Mrs. Dennis' room after school.