

JUNIORS READY GYM FOR PROM

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Student Elections To Be Held Soon

ASB Members Asked To Consider Candidates

Though the Executive Council has not set a definite date for student body elections, ASB President Winnie Roberson stated that they would be held "before long", and that members should be seriously thinking of likely candidates for office.

Definite requirements are stated by the ASB Constitution relative to the election and eligibility of students for executive positions. Primary requisite is that of student body membership, and a grade average of 3 or above must have been maintained throughout high school. A junior nominated for office must have at least 9 units earned, a sophomore, at least 6, and a freshman, not less than 2.

The president and secretary are elected from the senior class, and one vice-president is to be chosen from each of the senior, junior, and sophomore classes. A treasurer from the junior or senior class is appointed by the Executive Council upon recommendation of the bookkeeping department, and that person must have had one year of bookkeeping, its equivalent in experience, or be taking the subject.

Petitions for nominations are to state the name and qualifications of the nominee and must have the signatures of that person and at least thirty other active student body members. Each petition must be posted for 10 days before the election. Nominations may also be made from the floor of a special student body assembly called for that purpose.

Meller-Dramer Draws Record Crowd To Gay Nineties Scenes at AHS Gym

One of the most successful plays in senior class history was also the comiest and the noisiest. A record crowd jammed the gay-nineties atmosphere of the high school gym to see "Bertha, the Beautiful Typewriter Girl," a melder-dramer of wonderfully unadulterated ham, and the hilarious olio acts. Pink lemonade, peanuts, and popcorn were sold in the corner and usherettes were garbed in flowing old fashioned dresses. You couldn't have asked for more in a three-ring circus.

Scene-stealing Jack Newton was the funniest villain that ever locked a wench in a burning building. Betty Sue Reed was a beautiful Bertha. Her dead-pan aides ("Will this dreadful persecution never cease?") were among the funniest accents in the play. Jeanne Stillman was the evening's biggest surprise as Sally. With that blonde hair and old fluffery white wedding dress, she would have started a riot back in the good old days. Opposite Jeanne was Bob O'Hara as "Skeets," office boy and general nuisance, who was forever laying his heart

B. Helm, L. Billings Win Valedictorian, Salutatorian Honors

The students of Ashland HI eagerly looked forward to the assembly on March 31, when the announcements concerning the students having the highest scholastic records were made. This selection included naming Barbara Helm and Laura Billings to speak at Commencement as valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively. Both girls had exceptionally high grades, with just a slim margin between the grade averages of 1.1 and 1.2.

Others honored at the assembly were those seniors who were selected as new members of the National Honor Society. Barbara Helm, Laura Billings and Dick Flaharty, members from last year, took turns going by devious routes to pick the victims and pin the characteristic red and white ribbon on them. Those picked from the class were Isabel Green, Mourne Burton, Dick Merriman, Mary Curtis, Annela Converse, Arnita Black and Dave Hile.

NOTICE

A formal initiation for the newly selected members of the National Honor Society has been scheduled for Wednesday evening, April 26, at the high school. All parents, faculty and school board members, and former members of the society are invited to attend.

Committees Planning Spring Sport Dance

As something new this year a spring sport dance is to be held some time in the near future. According to Jack Waybrant, head of the committee in charge, this dance will be held in the Chateau. It will be exclusive to high school students. Watch for further announcements that will be made concerning this dance when plans are completed.

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and hands at some one's feet. Bob Hufman was the befuddled villain no. 2. "Glenwood Garfield," Marvin Getting died in the first act as "Boswell Bancroft," father of the heroine. He did the most beautiful job of dying we've ever seen. Gummy Lee Cooper was his long-suffering wife, Blanche Bancroft, the crustiest old lady that ever hefted a bustle. A comical old gal with an Irish dialect, really a detective in disguise, Don Williams, "Clarice Cloybourne," "adventures," was played by Ila (Continued on page 2)

Radio Play Scheduled For April 21 Assembly

On April 21, the speech class will present a play pertaining to the conservation of food in war time. It will be in the form of a radio show, using the mike, and the characters will not be seen. A film from the U. S. Department of Agriculture will also be shown. Participating in the playlet are June Anklin, Jack Waybrant, Ned Chapin, Bob Hufman and Al Straten.

Student Delegates Speak at PTA For Teen-Age Club

The Teen-age club was the topic of discussion in the P.T.A. meeting held Monday night in the Jr. HI Cafeteria. June Anklin, Gene Bishop and Rose Mary Messenger, the committee in charge, represented the teen-agers, giving their points of view on the subject. Many new views, possibilities and hopes were brought to light.

A number of the same points as have been discussed in S. E. meetings were discussed by the group. June Anklin, first speaker gave many factors as to why a club of this sort is needed. How the shows were so expensive, the public dances not a good place for high school students, and how people in the restaurants were bothered by the younger set. What the students wanted in a club of this sort, dance floor, juke box, coke bar, ping pong tables etc. were enumerated by the second speaker Rose Mary Messenger. Gene Bishop, named several buildings that would be available for a club: the top part of Jansen's Garage, the radio building and the rooms above the Chamber of Commerce.

One of the outstanding questions of the audience was, "Would a place of this sort help cut down on Juvenile Delinquencies?" Following the business part of the meeting refreshments were served.

Simpson Signs As Medford Hi Mentor

City Superintendent Hedrick, of Medford, announced last month that Coach Al Simpson of Ashland High School has signed on the dotted line to become head mentor for the Tigers. He will teach physical fitness as well as tutoring the Black Tornado in their quests for victory. His new position, which includes a considerable increase in salary, is one which should be of major importance in Simpson's climb upward. Medford HI for some years has been one of the leading athletic schools in the state, and because of this, Simpson's recent acquisition is an ideal one.

FACULTY SELECTS SIX TO COMPETE FOR HIGH AWARD

Laura Billings, Betty Sue Reed, Gemmy Lee Cooper, Marvin Getting, Dick Flaharty, and Roland Baughman are the candidates chosen by the faculty to compete for the Citizenship award, annually awarded to the senior boy and girl whose personalities, abilities, and good citizenship qualities shown throughout their high school years are judged the best by their schoolmates.

The winners, whose names will be engraved on a cup along with those who won the honor in previous years, will probably be announced within two weeks. The election will be held after the list of the candidates has been posted on the bulletin board for ten days.

Closed Doors, Shaded Windows of Gym Hide Decorations as Juniors Prepare for Prom

Changing from the scenes of the "Gay Nineties" period to the loveliness of a (censored), the old gym will blossom. April 21 is the day and now you could see the juniors draped glamorously over ladders or jumping wildly through crepe paper, if only the door and window shades were transparent. It takes a lot of hard work, but most are inclined to agree that it's worth it.

The work parties, supervised by Mr. Parks or some other very gracious teacher, have been real successes. Crepe paper, flowers, and hard working

Classmates, Friends Attend Newby Rites

Many classmates and high school friends attended the funeral April 13 of 17-year-old Tom Newby, who died recently after an extended illness. Tommy had attended Ashland schools for several years, and during that time had made many fast friends among the Ashland students.

Vocal music for the service was provided by Pat Bell, Marilyn Young and Betty Sue Reed, accompanied by Laura Billings, Dick Merriman, Jim Merriman, Arthur Phillips and Jay Samuel-Ray Elliot, James Quackenbush, son served as casket bearers.

Bill Willits, '41, Mentioned in Book

Seaman Bill Willits, graduate of Ashland high school class of 1941, has several mentions in the book, "Pick Out the Biggest" by Frank D. Morris. This book describes the heroic actions of the now famous Boise.

Bill was described as recently from a farm in Oregon, carrying the wounded to the surgeon after the big battle and each time offering to donate blood. Always the Surge privately thought if Willits had been taken up on any of these offers he would need several transfusions himself, but the incident displayed the spirit of the Boise.

Seaman Willits was transferred to a sub chamber while the Boise was being repaired.

Morris' book, according to Miss Mason, librarian, is at the library now, and will soon be catalogued and available.

OFFICIAL PERSONALITIES

Just for a look-see at what all aspirants for political office will be up against, here are a few of the outstanding accomplishments of the 1943-44 officers:

Winnie Roberson, secretary of the Associated Student Body, has been among the outstanding figures in student activities during the school year 1943-44. Athletic awards led in his records, although he was active in the senior play, Hi-Y, Letterman's Club, Choir, and various other organizations. He made all-conference in football and was chosen on the all-tournament team in basketball.

GIRLS' LEAGUE NAMES MAY 12 FOR TEA

One of the outstanding Girls' League events of the year is the annual Mothers' Day tea, to take place this year on the balcony of the Lithia Hotel, May 12.

Betty Sue Reed, chairman of the committee in charge, announces that the program will consist of continued music with no spot features.

juniors are changing the gym to a paradise far beyond recognition. It was voted to have Ray's orchestra from Medford to provide the music for the beautiful (censored).

Due to the fact that this is "Lop Ear", Mr. Parks says that the girls can run down their own dates if the boys seem to be a bit backward. Even though the deadline for dates is passed, any boy who is really interested might be able to secure a date if he went

At a junior class special meeting held Tuesday noon, Pat Bell was elected to reign as queen of the traditional Junior Prom. Princesses chosen from the junior class to complete the court were June Anderson and Marjorie Lutz. The crowning of the queen and her princesses will be one of the highlights of the long-awaited evening.

about it in the right way. If the juniors come sprouting out with scratches on their noses and paint on their clothes, think nothing of it -- they have been working in the gym, and if you had caught them a few minutes before, you probably would have found them hanging from the ceiling yelling for the someone to put up the ladder that fell down while they were working.

Bruises, bumps, and black and blue spots are bad, but they will all disappear on the day of the prom and everyone will be happy, swaying to the music of a good orchestra and thinking that even if a few broken bones and finger-nails were involved, it was really worth the effort in staging a swell prom to the glory of the class of '45 and to Ashland HI.

He also was a member of the second all-conference casual team. With the horsehide season underway, he is shining away in left field.

Pat Bell, the perfect secretary, and particularly so because of the existing presidency. Biends, and just too lively. Yes, sir, AHS has really been lucky this year. Pat has shown in the choir, the girls' settable, etc.

Joan Neil has been the "money bag" of Ashland HI this year. It must be a pleasant job to report that everyone has a balance of a couple thousand or so. But, boy, the bookkeeping involved!

Three vice-presidents have graced the executive branch of our government during one of the grandest years in AHS history: Bob Hufman, president of Hi-Y and Official Securer of Juke-Boxes, led the senior group, and the juniors were represented by their own third-term president, Dick Merriman. The lower classmen were smugly content with Jimmy Jandreau, sport king of the soph.