

Ashland Wins State Championship

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Amazing isn't it? Of course you know that Ashland has not won a single game as yet, but it would be wonderful if this school's football team came home victorious from the state finals. Impossible you say? Hardly! It could happen if someone really cared.

Ashland's team is not the only thing on a losing streak; our school spirit is, and it is showing. Many townspeople and out-towners have the attitude that we are losing games on purpose because it is funny. "If we aren't able to win," you say, "let's lose all of them to get a record." Well, no one thinks that an attitude like this is funny or cute. It is ridiculous. The whole team cannot be blamed for the foolish ideas of the rest of the school. Think positive!

The reason for our poor athletic showing is a defeatist attitude which also carries over into other sections of the school.

The Student Council is one major problem. It is inefficient and ineffective because of lack of real interest of the students. The room representatives are only interested in the glory that is associated with leadership. The various representatives come to meetings only when they feel like it and spend twenty minutes in complete silence. Although the student body officers are capable and ambitious, their work is in vain because without cooperation there is chaos. These students are your only voice in our student government. If they are not doing a good job, representing you and your room, get another who will!

The Council is, by no means, the only apathetic organization in A. H. S. Many other clubs could be included such as Interclub Council, Pep Club, and all the others as well. Only G. R. A. is the exception. The group works well together and the girls have already had several meetings, planned initiation, and scheduled the touch football game.

Although school spirit is lagging greatly, there are several suggestions to perk it up. One is to have more outward signs of spirit, such as color day every week or another Pep Week. Another would be to spark more class competition. Another is to give greater recognition to other school functions besides sports. Included could be debate, band, all clubs, and scholarship. One other is to have more organized all-school projects like last year's Minstrel Show.

Remember this is your school. How smoothly it runs, how much you learn, and the community respect it gains is your responsibility. Your present course of action is called apathy. I call it suicide!

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V.F.W. Sponsors Annual Contest

Voice of Democracy is a nationwide contest for all high school students, sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Contestants are required to write and orally recite a brief broadcast script on the theme "What Freedom Means to Me."

At 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students, no matter what race or creed, in all 50 states, are eligible. Previous national Voice of Democracy winners cannot qualify.

Each contestant must write an original theme on "What Freedom Means to Me". The script must not take more than five minutes nor less than three minutes, in oral recital. Scripts should be based on the contestant's own personal

experience and should represent his or her original thinking. Reference material should be plainly identified whenever used.

First award is a \$5,000 scholarship for any college of the winner's choice. Second, third, and fourth place winners will receive scholarships of \$3,500, \$2,500, and \$1,500 respectively.

Top winners in each state will receive a free trip to the national awards ceremony in Washington D.C. with three days of activities around the nation's capital.

Winners will be announced in March of '63.

Consult Mr. Gaylord Smith, principal, or Mrs. Selma McAlaster if you are interested in entering the contest.

Representatives Elected Sept. 22

After a week of campaigning, home room representatives were elected September 22 at Ashland High School. Before a candidate could run for this office, he had to have 10 students from his first period class sign a petition.

Those students elected to serve on the student council are as follows: Barbara Barry, senior; Sandy Bowl, sophomore; Gerald Brown, junior; John Buck, sophomore; Mary Craig, sophomore; Bob De Boer, junior; Sami Everett, sophomore; Connie Felger, junior; Diane Fieguth, senior; Jim Freeman, senior; Ken Grisselkowsky, junior; Janice Hassell, junior; Bev Hartford, senior; Charles Hillestad, senior; Kandy Korhase, sophomore; Vivian Leigh, sophomore; Linda Lewis, sophomore; Nancy Mott, junior; John Parman, junior; Bill Tilford, senior; Lynn Voris, sophomore; David White, sophomore; Mary Paul Workman, senior; and Kathy Zimmerman, senior.

Band Director Heads Meeting

Mr. Basil Maddox, Ashland High band director, presided over a meeting of the Band Boosters and band parents Monday, October 8. The purpose of the meeting was to plan and discuss money-making projects for the band. They discussed plans for the trip to the East West game in San Francisco. The total amount for the trip was estimated at approximately \$1700 or \$1800. This includes meals, two nights at a hotel, and bus transportation. The band fund now contains \$600. The Band Boosters are planning to raise about \$1000 or \$1200.

Twenty-five tickets to the game will be sold at \$40 each to the people in town who would like to go to the game. The Band Boosters are also planning a rummage sale, a slave auction, and a car raffle.

Mr. Ted Faver Accepts Position

Mr. Theodore Faver has resigned from his position with the maintenance section of School District No. 5 to accept a job in Riddle, Oregon. Mr. Faver has been with the school district since August of 1961. He worked for a year under Mr. Lawrence Mays doing general maintenance, and in August of this year was promoted to head of heating, electrical and plumbing.

In his new position he will be supervisor of custodians and maintenance of the Riddle schools.

He states that he regrets leaving the schools and greatly appreciates all the cooperation extended to him by both the teachers and students during his employment here.

Play Chosen; Cast Selected

"The four of us were standing on this platform jammed against the door! We pulled into a station! The door opened! Then it started to close! Just as it was about to close, someone pushed me! I know who pushed me! The door shut! It was on the station, the were on the train! Off it went! I'M SO DARN MAD I COULD SPIT! I'm not supposed to get excited."

This is one of the lines spoken by Dave Mott who plays Albert Kummer in the upcoming senior play entitled *Dear Ruth*. Other members of the cast include Mary Paul Workman as Dora, the maid, Chuck Calhoun and Barbara Barry as Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins, Jane Hennick as Miriam Wilkins and Paula Prescott as Ruth Wilkins, the daughters. Bill Tilford appears as Lt. Wm. Seawright and Betty Martin plays his sister Martha. Craig Pennington plays Sgt. Chuck Vincent and Henry Klobbermeyer is played by Charles Hillestad.

This play is presented solely by the senior class members and is scheduled tentatively for November 13.

Student Council Committees formed

The Executive student council met and selected ten students from the three classes to serve on the two student council committees. The following students were approved by the executive council to serve on the S.S.S. committee: Carol Bjork, senior; Chuck Calhoun, senior; Nancy Dayton, junior; and Brian Whitman, sophomore. Carol Bjork is the chairman of the Scholarship Service Spirit committee.

The purpose of the committee

is to meet and give points to each class. Points are given for such items as the class that wins the competition yell or has the greatest number of students on the honor roll or sells the most tickets to a play or has the best attendance at a game. The purpose of the point system is a half a

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Is this our school spirit?