

John Beem, NHS President, quit post last week.

Youth Jury Operated For And By Students

Hinsdale has a rare organization operating for the youth and by the youth. It's rare because there are few others in the United States. This organization is known as the Youth Jury.

In 1963 students and adults in Hinsdale and Clarendon Hills became aware of the excess of juvenile delinquency in the two villages. In '63, plans were made to start a Youth Jury. By 1964, these plans went into effect with Greg Mertz as Youth Chairman.

The Jury consists of high school students. No emphasis is put on grades. Even some previous offenders have been known to join. Each member of the jury will listen to the case of the defendant, who automatically admits guilt, after which the jury recommends to the judge what they feel the punishment should be. Linda Schilling, rehabilitation chairman for Hinsdale, said that not one jury recommendation has

HT Artists Qualify For SM Honors

by Steve DeGiso

A first place swimming team, a gymnastics team placing second in state. These are only part of the awards that Hinsdale Central is rounding up. Scholastic Magazine sponsors an annual Art Awards Exhibition, on both local and nation levels. The local level had just been finished at Yorktown, and many of Hinsdale's art students have qualified in the three divisions.

Certificate of merit winners are: Kathy Bogan, Armando Cesarini, Grant Dawson, Glenn Gardiner, Charles Jirka, Lori Magnusson (who qualified four separate works), Sarah Massey, Jennifer Mohr, Judith Moldenhauer, Douglas Stevenson, Laurie Weiss, Richard Pope who qualified six entries in the photography division), and Don Shute (who qualified four entries in the photography division).

The winners of the gold key awards are: William Beyer, Betsy Fleming, Lori Magnusson, Judith Moldenhauer, Richard Pope, and Don Shute.

The Hallmark awards and Blue Ribbon finalists, which will go on to New York for national competition were awarded to: Terry Schwartz, Steve Biesendorfer, Lori Magnusson, Robert Massey, Rebecca Schmidt, and Judith Walin.

The winner of the national contest will win a 1,000 dollar scholarship grant. The first and second place winners in the photography division will win \$1,000 and \$500 scholarship grants respectively.

NHS President John Beem Resigns

by Dan Shirey

John Beem, President of the National Honor Society, has submitted his verbal resignation to members of the Society. He cited reasons for his resignation as being purely personal, relating that he felt unable to maintain the standards of the NHS as stated in the induction oath.

The former President felt that the induction ceremony, which

some have labeled "Boy Scoutish," is objectionable and superfluous. His resignation is double edged in that he resigned from both the Presidency and the Society itself.

Shortly after his resignation Beem received a message from NHS adviser Dr. Gibson. In the note he expressed his confidence in John and his regret at the former President's action.

Numerous members of the NHS have voiced indignation, shock, and their intentions of persuading Beem to retract his statement and accept his former post.

The National Honor Society is a countrywide organization developed to literally honor those of high scholastic merit. Juniors and seniors having a 4.0 average or better are eligible for

membership. Once nominated, the student is rated by his former and current teachers on a five-point scale. An instructor may abstain from judging if he so desires. Votes are averaged, and those scoring sufficiently high are invited to become members. The total number of members is not to exceed one-tenth of the class. There are currently 57 members of NHS.

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Conscientious Objector Must Show Sincerity, Consistency, and Piety

A young man who is opposed to participating in war can apply to his local draft board for classification as a conscientious objector. There are two different kinds of objectors, those who will go into noncombatant military service, and those who will do alternate service, not in the military.

To be classified as a conscientious objector, a man must convince his draft board of three things: 1) that he is sincere, 2) that his conduct has been consistent with his stand

as a conscientious objector ever since he became one, and 3) that his claim is based on his religious training and beliefs. Even if a CO is agnostic, he must be considered religious "if he holds a belief which takes the place in his life that belief in God takes in the life of a more orthodox person." It is a good idea for a man to send to his draft board several letters of reference supporting his stand, along with the **Special Form for Conscientious Objector**.

CO registers at age 18 and is classified in due course. If found to be a religious objector eligible for assignment to civilian work, he is placed in Class I-O, if not eligible for a lower classification.

Conscientious objectors may be employed in government agencies or institutions, or in non-profit organizations serving the general public. The local

Action Activates

ACTION is a new independent school club which anyone with an interest in today's pertinent issues can join. Some of the main topics discussed are: the drug and marijuana use in Hinsdale and other neighboring communities, the war in Viet Nam, the draft situation, and any other kinds of timely issues with student interest. Within the club, groups are formed, and subjects of anyone's choice can be taken up. If a person does not know too much about a particular subject, he is informed about it, and then he is able to express his own opinion.

Most of the club's action is its own, but occasionally a guest speaker will come and speak on the issues to be discussed. Mrs. Wasilew is the faculty sponsor, but anyone interested in joining or who has any questions can contact Story Stapleton at 323-3798.

Vie For Scholarship

Bernadette Cihak has baked 24 pies in preparation for the No. Illinois Gas Competition. Alternates Terry Teeter and Darrell Thompson will accompany her at the bake-off climax March 29 in Warrenville.

The competitors devise their own recipes, which Miss Bernice Ehrenhart, consultant, criticized. The March 29 competitors in the jr.-sr. division are vying for first place and a \$1500 scholarship.

Pass-Fail Plan Pleases; Cameos Thus Simplified

Students reacted with mixed feelings regarding the Cameo courses as they returned to their regularly scheduled English classes again. The experimental Cameo courses had a different value to each student, ranging from extreme enjoyment to much dislike.

There were fifteen different courses offered, including such subjects as: Contemporary Poetry, Philosophy, Religions of Man, Contemporary Problems, and Language of Films, yet only about 40% of the students got the course of their first or second choice. Many were disappointed as some of the courses were not at what they had expected.

The fact that freshman, sophomores, juniors, and seniors could all be present in

the same class was disturbing to some students. Others felt that in only eleven days a subject such as the Religions of Man could only be skimmed over.

The grading as a Pass-Fail system was pleasing to many, for it made the course a little easier. They felt that in eleven days the teacher could not get to know them very well and therefore could not judge them correctly.

But the 4 weeks of Cameo courses gave the students a break from the grammar and literature of their regular English class. Although some found the Cameo courses a "waste of time" and felt that they "did not learn anything" from them, the courses at least gave some opportunity to see there are many different aspects to English that are not covered throughout their four years in regular English.



Paul Mueller in the 50 yard freestyle at the state meet. Read swim captain Bill Lauritzen's account on the sports page.

We Are Number One

If there is any room left, the Courier would like to crawl onto the bandwagon.

In return for the tremendous efforts, put forth in our behalf, of HT's swimming team, number one in Illinois, and the Red Devil gymnastics squad, number two in the state, we red-facedly offer our congratulations.

It is truly unfortunate, and with some embarrassment, that we can extend only a "job well done" in payment and in thanks for what these two championship teams have done for the school.

However, it is some consolation to know that an admirable percentage of HT students went further than congratulations by extending their appreciation in the form of regularly attending the swimming and gymnastics meets. It is only this participating brand of student who can meet a swimmer or gymnast in the halls and offer his compliments without feeling like that last man on the bandwagon, a particularly raunchy cast character.

Along with the swimmers and the gymnasts, we share their pride. Who shares their training?

Illinois' top swimmers (i.e., HT swimmers) found that training for the state swimming meet was a bed of roses (the species with the thorns)...

Most swimmers train in the swimmer — two workouts a day, two hours in the morning and another two in the afternoon.

The season's training actually starts in November, though. Each day after school the fish put in two hours, or rather put out for two hours, in addition to one class period of weight training before the 2:50 bell rings.

Training continues through Christmas vacation. With workouts practically every day, there is barely enough time to visit "Santa's Village."

Training continues through March. April and May are spent contemplating the training summer will bring.

The Red Devil gymnasts put aside nineteen weeks of their after school activities, substituting in its place gymnastics practice. For nineteen weeks the gymnasts spent anywhere from three to four and half hours a day, six days a week in the gymnastics room. On school days practice ends when the last man leaves the gymnastics room somewhere between 7:30 and 8:00 in the evening.

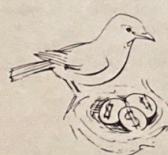
Our championship squads deserve congratulations for the training and practice which built championship effort, championship team effort. Championship team effort it was — the majority of the varsity gymnasts qualified for the state meet; looking at the scoreboard, the loss of any one swimmer from the state meet would not have lost the fish the swimming crown.

The prize they sought is won — the swimmers and the gymnasts have won with a high school brand of the "college try" and, in doing so, have given a new significance and a true ring to that line often quoted from our Alma Mater, "We're from Hinsdale, couldn't be prouder."

If that last paragraph sounds corny to you, try going to some swimming and gymnastics meets next year.

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Letters To The Editor

Confidence Expressed That "You Know What You're Doing . . ."

Dear Editor,

Much comment is made in the daily press about the youth of today. If the GR girls who made decorations in my home for the recent dance are an example, as I believe they are, then I think it is safe to state we can all continue to do our "thing" the best we are able. I have great confidence you know what you're doing.

Pat Davis Fox

Senior Terms Dress Code "Punitive, Reactionary, Obnoxious"

Dear World,

I started to write another angry letter about the infamous edicts that have chopped off my sideburns. But, even though our "code" has rendered me totally to calm disrespect for the mediocrity of my high school life, I am struggling to find and attain a positive outlook, because two wrongs have never been able to straighten out my problems.

The reasons that I am remaining in a kindergarten that in many ways is interfering with my education are because there is no adequate alternative and because I have come to realize that I must work within the existing institutions. Dropping out of my society is to run away. I go to this school to

experiment, to grow, to learn, and not to run. Becoming involved in this school has been one of my utmost desires, but when punitive regulations are so reactionary and obnoxious, I find it impossible to work whole-heartedly in the system.

I told myself that I was never going to be thrown out of school for something so marginal as whiskers because that would not only be foolish, but would deprive me of the means of achieving wisdom. Nonetheless, I cannot help but wonder what the bureaucracy thinks they are gaining by traducing my hair for my ever-increasing disrespect. So, world, go ahead — hassle me all you want — because you will not make me hate you! I am going to stand up, see through your insipid folly, and try to make you a better place.

In these days of student revolt and violent hate, many search for the roots of our differences. People, look at our own community and see that we do not become a sea of cold, nameless faces. Some of us will become tomorrow's leaders. Let us not become disillusioned prematurely — the world is hard enough as it is. Now, if someone thinks that I will be a better person with short hair, I will try to understand their point of view even though I disagree. I will refuse to hate them for their opinions. I will try to be positively patient and understand that someday all of this wrist-slapping will be a thing of the past.

Christopher Rhodes

Nonexistence Of GR Orchids Due To Hawaiian Volcano

Dear Editor,

Four hundred people danced until the 11:30 curfew to the music of the "Forgone Conclusions" at the GR formal on Friday, March 7. To everyone who helped insure its success, particularly the GR board members, I would like to say thank-you.

Betsy Miller and her decoration crew worked very hard for six weeks, but their efforts paid off as the auditorium of the Youth Hole was transformed into a Hawaiian garden. A big disappointment was the fact that the live fresh orchids from Hawaii did not come, because of a volcano eruption. Phony as the excuse may sound, Karen Rathje, last years exchange student, and Celia Bachran attest to the fact that it is quite possible.

Mishap of the evening was when a plate glass mirror was smashed in the boys' washroom. Why it happened, we can only guess. Certainly it was not the fault of the many chaperones that were on hand that night. It is rather pathetic to think that high school students would need a washroom attendant. (or a guard) The mirror episode reflects badly on HT students and it really is a shame because ninety nine percent of the people there were well behaved. GR is forced to assume the cost, unless some unknown benefactor arrives on the scene. The coatroom was also a confusion center and to anyone who went home with the wrong coat or even without one, we are truly sorry.

Anyway, the mistakes were outweighed by the bright spots and the event can be chalked up as a success.

Sally Davis
(on behalf of the
GR executive board)

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"On Borrowed Time" Presented In Face Of "So-Called Boycott"

by Claudia Waterloo

"On Borrowed Time" will be presented in spite of the so-called boycott of Doug Taylor, Kathy Kalber, John Mostek, and others.

Miss Patte Maneese chose this play, a serious one with a "natural kind of humor," a play that has "more to say than an average comedy."

The play presents an interesting challenge to the technical crew, who constructed a tree big enough to climb in.

The play portrays a universal message. The characters subtly bring out the point that death is natural and a necessary part of life. Miss Maneese commented that one of her students said that children should be taught death's reality in a beautiful way, but unfortunately, Gramps' coarse language inhibits it.

Miss Maneese called the cast a "director's dream."

Because those who were not willing to work and co-operate boycotted the play, the play involves those serious about acting. "One of the most devoted casts I have ever had," Miss Maneese called them.

Al Bergstein, '71, leads the crew as Gramps; Brian Ward, '72, plays his grandson Pud.

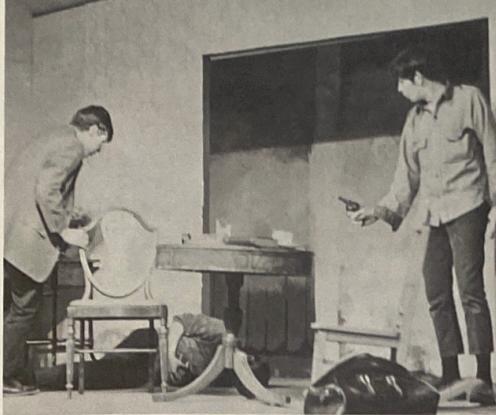
In choosing a play, Miss Maneese kept in mind the talent available. She stressed HT's present good character actors, those who have the ability to handle parts with depth well. A high school is not always as fortunate as HT at the present time, and she attempted to find a play that could incorporate some of the fine acting quality at HT.

Unfortunately, some students disagreed with the play selection. Miss Maneese felt that

it requires a "certain type of person to read a play; one who can envision it on stage."

The accusation that "On Borrowed Time" is not modern is unfounded. Written 30 years ago, the play is contemporary, considering the 2500 year history of drama, beginning with Sophocles, Miss Maneese stated.

The students boycotting the play, for the most part, never played a great part in any play production. Minor parts in former plays and an immature performance by members of former crews constitute the strikers. Only one great loss was maintained, Miss Maneese felt, because of the unfortunate feeling that the play could not be produced without certain members' participation.



A scene from "On Borrowed Time," running today and tomorrow in the auditorium.

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Watson Sure Team Would Win

by Bill Lauritzen

As everyone who watched television on March 1 knows, HT's swimmers successfully defended their state championship title to make the total four. They amassed an unbelievable 208 points, beating second place New Trier by 55 points.

Coach Don Watson was so sure that the team would win that he did not try for

maximum points, but instead he let everyone swim in their best events. According to district times New Trier was favored to win by five points. In state, as expected, HT swimmers dropped their times while New Trier didn't.

HT's winners this year included John Kinsella, with two state records in the 200 and 400 yard freestyle, and John Murphy, who is "still in a daze" after winning the 100

yard backstroke. The medley relay (Murphy, Verner, Kodat and Haffner), and the freestyle relay, (Dodson, Nieman, Ferraro and Haffner) both took gold medals.

Other point scorers were Paul Mueller in the 50 free, Mark Lambert in the 100 and 200 free, Bill Lauritzen in the 100 I.M. and the 100 breaststroke, Dave Druz in the 100 I.M., Larry Wilson in the diving and Brent Gorrell in the 100 backstroke.

Varsity Cagers End Season With 5-9 Conference Record

by Marty Gabriel

The Hinsdale Central Varsity basketball team finished its conference season with a 5 and 9 record splitting a pair of games in the last two weeks. Three weeks ago at Hinsdale the Devils were defeated by La Grange 73 to 52. The game was really no contest as L.T. jumped out to an 18 to 7 first quarter lead and held it. Bill Carpenter was high scorer for H.T. with 13, and Ken Braid was next with 10.

Two weeks ago Hinsdale traveled to Hillside and beat the

Proviso West Panthers 56 to 51 in a very hard-fought game. Hinsdale took an early lead and managed to hold it to the final buzzer. The devils won the game at the charity line, making 24 free throws to Proviso's 11. Gary Rinck celebrated his birthday with 18 points and Braid added 16.

In the regionals Hinsdale won the opener against Downers South by a score of 90-57. However, the following game was against Downers North which ended Hinsdale's season by losing 64-50.

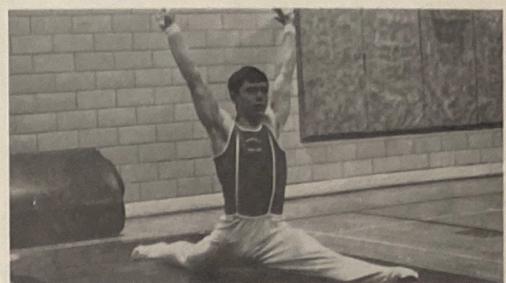


Photo by Bob Davies
Gymnast Ward Black demonstrates floor exercise form that brought him a second place in the state gymnastics meet.

Red Devil Gymnasts 'Hit' for 182 Points Take 2nd In State

by Ward Black

Hinsdale Red Devil gymnasts set another first for themselves by placing second in the State meet and gained their first state champion, Eddie Slezak on sidehorse.

Two weekends ago Hinsdale won its second straight District title by overwhelming the nearest opponent by 90 points.

Eddie Slezak is a junior and in the last meets of the year had some of his best routines. In the finals he rose to the occasion and won with a score of 8.40.

After the preliminaries on Friday, the Devils led Arlington by 13 points and after the first two events in the finals were up by 34 points. However, the Devils failed to place in the next two events while Arlington had one in each. This made the winning difference for Arlington. The final score was Arlington 220 points, Hinsdale 182.50.

Members of the Devils who also participated in the state finals were Jim Lillig who placed seventh on trampoline and fourth in floor exercise, Bob Rossbach with fifth on sidehorse, sophomore Bob Anderson ninth, and Ward Black second in floor exercise. In the all-round event, Randy Balhorn took third place, with Carl Walin in seventh, and Bob Anderson in eleventh.

All faculty men who are interested in forming a softball league are asked to contact Evan O'Donnell, Kent Mongreis, Bob Gustafson, Rick Schultz, Dick Herbert or Randy Wentsel. The games are played at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Oak Park School or the high school.

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COURIER Sports

Managers Take WSC Crown

by John Justema

HT's basketball managers outdid both the varsity and the frosh-soph squads as they won their second straight conference championship. Led by seniors Duane Henry, Chuck Leonard, Don Holzworth, Ned Nyman, and sophomore, Don Schwiegar the managers swept to an undefeated conference season and clearly showed themselves to be the class of the league.

Non-conference play cost them an undefeated season as they split in two games with

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