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May Day Party for High School Girls

High School Girls Entertained at Dorm

Senior high school girls from 35 surrounding towns were guests at the Dormitory last Saturday and Sunday.

Each guest was greeted by her individual hostess upon her arrival Saturday morning. They were taken on a tour of the Institute by Donald K. Beckley. In the afternoon, there was a tour of the Frontenac under the direction of Almeria Hicks and Barbara Coe. Dinner was served in the cafeteria, after which the girls went to the Bevier Building for a dance. Games were played, under the direction of Haig Sherkergian, and Don Johns performed a Magic Show. There was a special May Day breakfast, Sunday morning, each girl receiving a May basket with flowers. After breakfast, the girls went to church.

Miss Edwina Hogadone, Mrs. George Hoke and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Van Pearsen were guests for Sunday dinner, after which they talked to the girls about the courses in which they were interested.

The week-end was under the general direction of Mary Jane Bird.

The following girls visited the Residence Hall last weekend:

Auburn: Jean Ramsay.
Batavia: Donna Delbridge, Barbara Squires.
Binghamton: Marjorie McMahon, Pat Hafy.

Buffalo: Betty Eddy, Betty Edwards, Eileen Fries, Isabel Holt, Elaine Goetz, Doris McKeannin, Betty Minto, Elly Wurst.

Caledonia: Esther Booth, Nancy Roberts.

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251 Seniors Will Receive Credentials

Credentials will be received by 251 seniors on May 16, at MI's 57th annual convocation. Citation awards will be presented by James E. Gleason, chairman of the board, at 10 a.m. in Central Presbyterian Church.

John L. Train, president and general manager of the Utica Mutual Insurance Company, will give the address on "Opportunity Always Knocks at Your Door." A native of Batavia and graduate of the Syracuse University of Law, Train is now a member of the New York State Unemployment Insurance Advisory Council and chairman of the insurance committee of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

Following the exercises a luncheon will be given at the Institute in honor of the speaker, members of the board and wives, Reverend and Mrs. M. H. Cayley and Reverend and Mrs. W. S. Meyer. This luncheon will be the junior foods students' first project. (Seniors will be attending convocation.)

The Institute will be open until 1:30 p.m. and students are invited to bring their guests through the various departments and special exhibits of the applied arts, photographic technology and publishing and printing departments.

Climax of the day will be a dinner dance at 7:30 p.m. in the Hotel Seneca ballroom, when seniors will be welcomed into the alumni association by Charles F. Cala, alumni president. Members of the board are invited to the alumni banquet and are to sit at the head table. This year marks also the tenth reunion of the class of '32, which is expected to be well represented.

Freshman Bowling Party Is at Genesee Alleys

Note Change in Place

The Freshman Bowling party will be held at the Genesee Bowling Hall on South Avenue (opposite the public library) tonight at 7:30.

Note Change in Place

Bowlers are requested to meet at the alleys at 7:30.

Note Change in Place

The following committee has made arrangements: Publicity, Helen Greene, John Perkins; Program, Haig Sherkergian, Joe Cirrincione; Arrangements, Edward Howden.

Note Change in Place

Chaperones will be Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ritchie and Mr. and Mrs. Frank DeWitt.

Who Will Be 'Miss V'?

Soldier, Sailor and Marine Will Choose From Senior Girls

As an added feature at the Senior Ball next Friday, some senior girl will be chosen as "Miss V"; no one knows who it will be, not even the seniors. The choice will be made by a soldier, a sailor and a marine, and these three will be at the Ball to introduce "Miss V" of the class of 1942. Every

Orchestra Leader



MAL HALLETT

senior girl whose picture appears in the 1942 Ramikin will be eligible, and the selection will be made from the pictures appearing in the Ramikin.

The Senior Ball, which is the last "all school" social event of the year, highlights the beginning of "Senior Week-end."

Mal Hallett who is slated to play for the Ball closes a three months' engagement in Boston on May 14, and on Friday May 15, his famous orchestra will play for the seniors at the Masonic Temple Ballroom here in Rochester.

Hallett's band is not only composed of real musicians, but the personnel is made up of top entertainers; their arrangements are "tricky," and the music is "terrific."

It was announced last week that the "new and greater" 1942 Ramikin would be issued at the dance; all students desiring their Ramikin on that night may call for them at the check room between 12:30 and 1:00 a.m. The first three copies of the Ramikin will be presented at the intermission to the dedicatee, the President of the Institute, and the President of the Student Council.

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TENNIS TEAM MEETS BROCKPORT TOMORROW

The Tennis Team journeys to Brockport tomorrow (May 9) afternoon for its first match of the season.

Six singles and two doubles matches are scheduled. Sure starters for Mechanics are "Hunk" Anderson, Dick Morse, and "Hank" McIver. The rest of the squad will be selected from the following candidates: Vete Nowik, Irv Crawford, Cliff Bull, Joe Ryan, Pat Malara, Dick Blackwell, and Walt Beckdahl.

Players are requested to report at Clark Union at 12:45 sharp. Faculty Adviser Warren Davis and Coach Bill Torporcer will accompany the team. Students wishing to witness the match should furnish their own transportation, leaving Clark Union at 1:00 P. M.

Retailers Have Annual Picnic at Genesee Park

Books and problems were left behind yesterday when the Retailers journeyed to Genesee Valley Park for their annual spring picnic.

Committees who aided Chairman James Cox were:

Dick Crabtree, Dorothy Ketzling and Emily Larson, transportation; Cox, Dorothy Griffiths and Elmira Hicks, finances.

Food was left to the judgment of Dorothy Thomsen, Carl Page and Betty Fraser. In charge of entertainment were Jackie Pleegeger, Mary Jane Bird, Cox and Betty Lerch.

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REPORTERS

The Cats

Fashion Foibles

Convocation is coming up so the

A Senior girls are getting their glad rags together. The Artists are wearing print dresses with white shoes or spectator pumps.

The Food students are going to wear dark sheers. The Retailing girls are also wearing dark dresses.

This warm spring air naturally turns our thoughts to summer and summer clothes.

One of the most important items for summer is the black skirt.

This basic skirt can be made or bought in any material (as long as it is black), piques in particular. Black or white sweaters can be worn with it or your favorite gingham blouses. Don't wear it just for sport, either, for it can be worn for town or country.

Chambray is no longer considered a strictly sports material. Dressy suits are now made in this popular cotton.

In the past we have had clothes influenced by Mexico, South America and the Indians. The latest is Canada. Print dresses using the Maple Leaf, which symbolizes Canada, and prints copied from old French Canadian patterns.

We hear that they're not making shoes anymore . . . everything for victory, nothing for defeat.

gan. Maybe they were passing judgment on Phil.

S'pose everyone knows by now that Jackie Pfeiffer is sporting Bob Wilson's pin.

Saturday found Art Sinclair and Skippy in the throes of moving. They're becoming neighbors, at the Admiral.

People are very confoused these days by the changes in the Drug Store. Oh well, variety is the spice of life.

Only one more week until the year's biggest and best weekend. Mal Hallett, from all reports, is wonderful, and we dance until 2. We all give our best to the Seniors.

Tom and Her

State of the Union

Flash: Added impetus shown in stamp sale last week. . . . Several sales still pending so the deadline has been extended. Photo finish coming up soon.

Flash: The gym has been closed since last Monday.

Cultural note: Last Friday Clark Union was filled with Art students sketching and painting and what-not. And what's more and besides the lawn was covered with them too. The Atmosphere was distinctly cultural, in a bohemian sort of way.

Flash: Former relief counselor, Mrs. Dale donates cards. Miss Schmidt, the cashier, has given Clark Union some new midget bridge decks — very handy for blackouts. Due to the kinchness of Mrs. Dale and Miss Schmidt the card situation seems to be pretty well under control, thanks a lot.

Flash: Topcorer wrestles with '42-'43 Budget for Clark Union. The winnah? Topcorer—we think.

Blackout note: Mr. Stratton has asked to borrow some of the records from C. U. for use in the Eastman Hall during Blackouts. Permission will probably be granted.

Flash: Rosie's Posies cheer C. U. . . . Those bouquets of cherry blossoms that our good friend Rose brought to take the place of the burrs, have added a much appreciated note of spring to the lounge. Rose says that if we're good there will be a new bouquet every week. Flash: Full length mirror returned.

Flash: Colliers becomes more costly. . . . Colliers has now followed suit in the price rise in the nickle magazine field, and is now up to a dime. . . . Rose thinks, "Better we should have some books."

Signs of Spring Department: What with this Military secret weather we've been having and all, those signs of spring have become positive fact. The Oriental cherry is now in full bloom and the magnolia is beginning to fade.

The buckeye tree between C. U. and the Photo-Tech Studio house will be out soon. . . . The grounds are being all spruced up for summer by the Maintenance Dept., the little fences painted white and brand new geraniums.

People of the week: Peking Bob Feller—A rat scampering across

the Union lawn had its career cut short abruptly by a well-aimed stone thrown by Nelson Herron. Nelse is now waiting for a Yankee contract, and hints that he will not sign for any ordinary hay.

Shoeless Munhart who sat all of Saturday morning reading the magazines in the lounge, sock feet extended in the cooling breezes. Oh, yes, she does have shoes.

Nelson Herron again, who, it seems, is very fond of orange pop with which the machine is serviced in addition to the weekly quota of coke. Nelse has been trying for weeks to get one of these bottles of orange, and finally, oh joy, he hit the jackpot.

The boy who gets gored by these horns in the hall. Every time he comes in he gets it right on the cranium with those horns. He really wishes that they'd put them sommers else.

DROOPSNOOT

(without the drape shape)

Droopsnoot, the Clark Union House Dick (ha, ha, I fooled you, thought I was going to say Defective (didn't you?)), is peeved on account of he had to stay in and watch a bunch of very valuable photographic materials that Jerry Rollins stored in the front hall. While he was keeping an eye on the stuff he deduced that a hat that was left in the cabinet must belong to Jerry and oddly enough it did. He was aided in this amazing triumph of reason by the size, shape, and general contours of the hat, not to mention that it was just like the one he'd seen Jerry wearing before.

The minor mystery of the week occurred when Droopy tried to find the phone booth, never mind what for, and discovered that it is now concealed behind the front door.

Last Sat. while he was pondering on where are all of the people who wanted to play cribbage, Droopy narrowly escaped being run down in his tracks by a large bev of high school girls who were making a tour of the school.

Droopy says that even if some people think he is a droop, he does know who took those checkers and he wants 'em back. Also having foiled one attack on the oriental cherry, he says that that book of his on crime and punishment is still available to those would-be blossom pickers.

Council Sets Up Guiding Policies

In an effort to standardize the expenditures of the various Student Council supported activities, and to effect whatever economies are possible without interfering with the main purpose of the individual student activities, the Student Council has set up the following policies for the guidance of advisers in budget planning for the coming school year:

1. No Council appropriated funds are to be used for refreshments at meetings, or for any functions of a purely social nature.

2. No Council appropriated funds are to be used for banquets.

3. Awards are to be restricted, as in the past, to four of the five major Institute extra-curricular activities: Psimar, Ramikin, Wrestling and Basketball. The number and maximum cost of awards to be granted in each case will be as follows:

| | No. of Awards | Max. Value Each |
|------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Psimar | 4 | \$3.00 |
| Ramikin | 4 | 3.00 |
| Basketball | 10 | 5.00 |
| Wrestling | 8 | 5.00 |

4. In order to make bookkeeping procedure more uniform, it is requested that no requisitions for miscellaneous expenses which exceed \$2.00 be submitted without being itemized. In the case of the budget estimates, it is requested that planned expenditures be itemized in so far as possible so that Miscellaneous does not exceed \$25.

5. It is assumed that Council funds will be used only for expenditures which directly promote the activity concerned. Those items which do not clearly fall into this category should be referred to the Council Budget Committee before the money is spent. This committee will be set up so as to be able to act promptly on all such matters.

6. The Ramikin has been requested to allow in its own budget enough money to cover costs of pages for all Council-supported activities. Hence no Ramikin appropriation for individual groups will be necessary.

These policies refer only to the use of Council-appropriated funds. Money contributed directly by the students taking part in an activity is not covered.

College Graduate — Have you an opening for a bright, energetic college graduate?

Honest Employer — Yes, and don't slam it on your way out.

WHAT WOULD THIS SCHOOL BE LIKE IF:


Ruth June Gelsinger wore short skirts, Hunk Anderson didn't have a brushcut, Mari Jane Ansberger wore saddle shoes, Pat Holmes' hair was mussed up, Jackie Briggs lost her sun lamp tan, Steve Brodie gave up cigars, Jim Steg and Bill Ingeman had small feet, Barb Maulbetach had a Brooklyn accent, Don Johns and Joe Ryan couldn't play chess, Bill Toporcer wasn't at Clark Union, Nelson Herron shaved off his mustache, Ruth Seibert didn't wear bright red lipstick, Bob Wilfred was quiet in the library, Dick Blackwell couldn't play the piano, Mona Hammond didn't wear colored shoes, Mary Skivington had long unchopped hair, Dick Andre didn't wear bow ties, Walt Chase, Rummy Kentos, Cliff Bull, Jim Cox, Bob Marshall, Ev Newell, George Hewitt didn't have Jeanne Parker, Evie Parker, Rita Beyer, Almera Hicks, Barb Coe Marc Dempsey, and Rae Smith chasing after them, Betty Ann Ford didn't have curled up eyelashes, Tommy Thompson wasn't always getting new and crazy ideas. Kay Draper couldn't play tennis, Frank DeWitt had a luxurious growth of hair, Bob Goldstein didn't have some new issue to bring before the public, there wasn't any Skip, there wasn't any Red, and if there wasn't any Rudners.

Chess Moves

Irving Crawford is now in second place on the chess challenge board, after being victorious over Bill Toporcer. Crawford beat Gerald Jordan previously, after losing two games to him.

Don Johns is in third place after defeating Bill who seems to be in a slump after being second last week and now is in fifth place.

FOR DEFENSE



BUY UNITED STATES SAVINGS BONDS AND STAMPS

Former MI Student Returns From Australia

A very tanned young soldier just back from Australia visited the Institute during his ten-day furlough recently. John Jordan, who was graduated from the Art School in 1935, from the Industrial Design course and is engaged to Miss Velma Purinton, cafeteria manager. He is in the Aircraft Division and is permanently located on a converted passenger ship. Before Jordan was drafted, he was employed at Hickoks, designing.

When his ship first sailed, Jordan didn't have any idea where he was going. All the soldiers were loaded down with winter clothes, but they ended up wearing shorts. It was late summer, and they did not have to dress unless on duty. The trip was quite uneventful, and Jordan wasn't seasick although he had never been to sea.

Australia was so Americanized Jordan wouldn't have recognized it as a foreign country, and the people's hospitality was wonderful. He was very favorably impressed with the Australians. Sometimes he didn't have to pay for things, the people were so happy to see American soldiers on their soil that they showed their thanks in that way.

"Melbourne is a beautiful city," Jordan exclaimed, "but there is only one department store that can compare with Sibley's."

The Australians were particularly interested in the American soldiers' uniforms. When the soldiers first came the Australian people wanted a good look at the uniforms, so one was handed down. They examined it, and one shouted, "Look, 'erbert, it's lined!"

One woman thought that every-

body lived in large apartments, and another wanted to know if the U.S. really had steel mills 50 miles long. They hope to see the United States some time. They think it must be a very wonderful place to live.

The people were also interested in our food, and what we had to eat. They wanted to know if Jordan knew how to prepare certain things. Their tea cakes are like crackers and are called biscuits; they are heavier in texture than our cakes. The tea is rationed there, and the people save their old tea leaves and use half old and half new when they brew their next mixture. They have sugar but very little gasoline called "petrol."

Jordan said he didn't see any kangaroos and was disappointed that there wasn't an entertainment place open in Australia Sundays. Only drug stores selling drugs were open. There were no movies, and some of the parks were closed.

Jordan has only a ten-day furlough and must be in New York tomorrow night. He doesn't know where or when the ship will be sailing as it leaves under sealed orders.

Students are asked to patronize Psimar Advertisers. Any suggestions as to possible advertisers will be appreciated by the Business Manager of the Psimar.

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Donald Johns Made Acting President

Donald Johns was appointed acting president of the Student Council by Donald K. Beckley, faculty adviser, this week.

His duties will begin at the end of the school year when he will handle all Student Council business during the summer recess and he will be in charge of meetings in the fall until a president is elected.

A junior in the Mechanical Department, Johns has been active both on the Council and in student activities. He is a member of the House Committee, the Student Handbook Committee, and the Blood Donation Campaign. His revisions of the Council Constitution regarding elections will go into effect next year.

He is a member of the Mechanical Students Association, a Psimar reporter and columnist, and a master of the art of legerdemain.

ETAION SHRDLU CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

The "Pi Club," an organization composed of students from the Publishing and Printing Department, held their annual meeting at Clark Union on Wednesday, May 5 to elect officers for the ensuing year.

The Club elected the following officers:

President—"Jack" Hanna
Vice President—"Bill" Leadbeater

Secretary—Edward Howden
Treasurer—Neil Preston
Editor of Typographer—Valentine Vigna

The officers will be installed at the annual "Pi Club" banquet to be held on the evening of May 25 at Brownie's Rotisserie.

BCA Contacts Freshman ES

The E. C. A. (Brush Cut Association) is an organization composed of Electrical Freshmen and founded for the sole purpose of improving the comfort of these men. The club now has five members. They are: Frank Horek, Bill Walsh, Joe Cirrione, Jack Clauson and Bill Kreamer.

The class room of the Electrical Freshmen will soon be the battle front of MI if Clyde Williams does not keep his promise. Williams made several excuses but the members of the BCA are determined that he will have a brush cut, or else.



For those interested in the best of the new book crop Kronenberger's "Kings and Desperate Men" is one of the finest. Also the Hilary autobiographical account "Falling through Space" which was currently condensed for the "Readers' Digest." If you enjoy a historical novel, charmingly written and illustrated, the story of Mary Jameson, "Indian Captive" by Lenski should prove delightful.

Two photographic annuals have come to our attention—"The British Journal Photographic Album" and "The American Annual of 1942." Photo-Techs, please note.

Information, in these times when everyone is on the alert for help in solving the problems of war living, is "Civilian Defense" by Prentiss. And do you want to be prepared for air service? You will first have to qualify for your pilot's license. To do this a limited knowledge of such related subjects as navigation, meteorology, aerodynamics, etc., is required. Simple language and numerous illustrations are to be found in the text by Shields titled "Air Pilot Training."

Birds who care for fine feathers, and is there a gal with soul so dead she does not?!—will be glad to find Elizabeth Hawes on our shelf again. This world-famed stylist and designer asks "Why is a Dress?" and answers her own question informally yet thoroughly.

Well, your little friend the worm, is curling up with travel leaflets of late, dreaming of summer vacations ahead. The Traveler's Windfall Assoc. has issued a gadget called "Where to Eat, Sleep, and Play" which is just our meat. (Yum, yum.)

See you there—
Your Play mate
THE BOOK WORM

Marie Louwenguth '41 is now the Acting Dietitian in charge of the Wyoming County Community Hospital in Warsaw, N. Y.

Phyllis Frank '41 has moved to a new job as Food Manager of the Columbus Civic Center here in Rochester.

Freshmen: See Bowling Story

Seniors Will Choose "Miss V" at Ball

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and the Duke and Duchess of the Raminin.

In order to start the ticket sales off with a bang, there will be a noon dance today in Eastman Hall from 12:30 to 1:00; everyone is invited to attend this dance, and tickets for the Ball will be on sale at that time. There will be noon dances next week in Eastman Hall on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

The seniors have done everything they could possibly think of to make this year's Senior Ball a "bell-ringer." The date is May 15, the place is the Masonic Ballroom on East Avenue, the time is 9 to 11, and the price, \$3.30 per couple.

Girls from the Residence Hall will have three o'clock permission.

High School Girls Entertained at Dorm

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Clyde: Elta Ayer, Jean Dennis, Carolyn Fallon, Clare Meade, Corfu: Lillian Mansell.

Clinton: Jane Ellen Fitzpatrick, Fredonia: Helen Noble, Gladys Lowell, Fulton: Isabelle Strouthers, Geneva: Thelma White, Hornell: Doris Burch, Jamestown: Betty Dawson, Leicaster: Eleanor Van Tyne, Lyons: Dottie Lou Moore.

Niagara Falls: Clara Ella, Angelia D. Camello, Betty Mathews, Sally Sloat.

Palmira: Ila May Griswood, Perry: Jeanette Laney, Phelps: Carolyn Ives, Rome: Alice Rosen, Jeanne Finster, Utica: Arlene Smith, Priscilla Inman.

Ellingson Attends Chicago Meeting

Dr. Mark Ellingson is attending the meeting of the American Council of Education, which is being held in Chicago. The problem under discussion is "The Relationship of Education and Its Demand in Wartime."

Delta Omicron Senior members are going to Mrs. Earl Karker's for dinner tonight. The dinner is in honor of the Seniors given by the Alumni of the sorority.

Edith Groh of the class of '41 was married on March 14, to George A. Schmidt. Mrs. Schmidt is continuing for the present, with her work at Millard Philmore Hospital in Buffalo.

Student Council Plans Picnic

This week's Council Meeting consisted mostly of committee reports, and planning of a picnic for Representatives. Said picnic will be held, weather permitting, next Tuesday evening from five on at Genesee Valley Park, and is closed to all but Council members. Expenses will be borne by the individual Council members attending.

The handbook committee reported completion of all material for the '42-'43 edition, which will soon be off the presses.

Misses Ann Zutes and Jean Rutledge reported that Clark Union has been completely equipped with all sorts of kitchen appliances, do-dads, and sundry other thing-a-ma-bobs.

Six-hundred and sixteen dollars and seventy-five cents worth of War Stamps had been sold prior to the meeting Tuesday night.

The recent Blood Donation campaign was a big success, Adviser Beckley told the Council, and "Mr. Goldstein of the Photo-tech department did much to make it so, and deserves considerable credit for its success."

Don Johns has been appointed President, pro tempore, of the Council to act from the end of this school year until the wheels of the new council can be greased and set in motion and elections held in the fall.

Those members in attendance were: Jeanne Clement, Lyle Briggs, Carlton Straub, Ozzie Button, Jean Rutledge, Donald Johns, Ann Zutes, Elvera Langbein, Ed Howden's agent (Jack Hanna), Robert Spriggs, Carl Feriby and Clyde Johnson.

Committee appointed was: Ann Zutes, Jean Rutledge, Elvera Langbein; refreshments for picnic.

Arvilla Pomeroy will journey to Lake Placid to fill a position at the Lake Placid Club this summer.

Lois Mosher is now the General Dietitian at Bethesda Hospital in Hornell, N. Y.

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