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Awards Presented At Assembly Friday

Friday the annual awards assembly was held in the gym before the entire school.

The first awards presented were the band and orchestra awards which were handed out by Mr. Don Mueller, band and orchestra director, Dave Overhouse, band president, and Barbara Vary, orchestra president. Recipients of the Medal of Honor award, representing 10,000 merits were Janne Rutherford and Sue Garlinghouse.

Miss Lucille McCormick, chorus director, then presented the chorus awards.

Mr. Loren Brown, football coach, presented letters and certificates to members of the varsity football team. Most valuable players of the past season were Lee Meadows, senior, and Jay Gaertin, junior.

Cross-country awards were presented to members of the varsity and reserve teams by Mr. John Bjorkquist, coach.

Wrestling coach Mr. George Reynolds presented the wrestling letters and certificates.

Mrs. Carol Ford, speech and dramatics teacher, presented a debate certificate to the only underclassman debater, Jay Guertin. Certificates for participation in forensics were presented to D.J. Drake, Tonnie Kisse, Cathy Foster, Wally Reese, Kristin Powell and Mark White. The forensics award was also presented to D.J. Drake.

Reserve and varsity cheerleaders were awarded certificates and letters.

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Dave Hart

Chosen 64-66

Drum Major

Friday Dave Hart was chosen as the Okemos High School band's drum major for the 1964-65 and 1965-66 school years. Dave was elected over two boys for his ability to lead the band, call marching signals and strut. Another quality of the drum major is to have the respect of the band he leads.

Dave will not take his position of drum major until next fall. At the Okemos Day parade June 6, he will march tuba. In concert band he plays oboe.

"Although next year there will be two high school bands, the total members will march as one at the football games." The above quote is from the Editor's note in the May 6 Drumbeat.

Recent drum majors at OHS have been Greg Miller, two years; Bob Buchanan, one year; and Bill Wight, three years.

Commencement, Baccalaureate To Be Held

Commencement and Baccalaureate will be June 7 and 9. Dr. J. Donald Phillips, principal of Hillsdale College will speak at Commencement and Reverend Allen Wittrup of Okemos Community Church will give the sermon at Baccalaureate.

Others participating in
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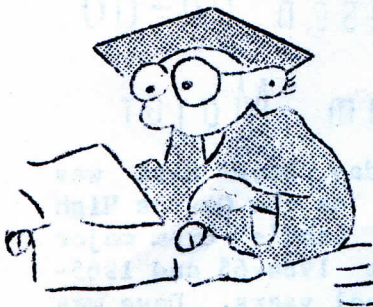
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The Editor Speaks

Several objectionable points have been brought to view in the nominating and election of class officers for next year.

Nominating committees of some classes were made up of presiding class officers. This could result in prejudiced nominations of candidates whose ideas generally coincide with those of the nominators and not necessarily with those of their class. This also results in the constant reappearance of candidates. For instance, every officer of the 1964 Junior Class has his name on the ballot for next year's officers.

This type of nomination deprives the students from broad class representation they need to have for effective officers.

A nominating committee should either be elected by the students at the beginning of the school year or should be appointed by one of the class faculty advisors. This set-up would initiate more class continuity and less disunity.

Student Parliament restricts candidates from running if they have received below a "C" in any of their classes during the school year. What right does Student Parliament have to hold a hatchet over class elections where Student Parliament is not directly involved?

These elections are for officers of one class, not for any Student Parliament position. In the case of the class representative to Student Parliament, Student Parliament should be allowed to levy any restrictions on its members although this makes the organization less effective, since it does not include every group. Students vote for these candidates to represent them

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and don't need anyone to oversee elections. Most high school students have reached a stage where they can accurately evaluate a person without Student Parliament's guidance.

If a student has a "bad" marking period or circumstances held him below a "C" in any of his class, his capabilities should be judged by his fellow classmates who know him. He should be given a fair chance to participate in these elections. Grades are not a definite symbol of responsibility and if students desire a person to run for an office he shouldn't be restrained by a fault in our student organization.

There are not any elections in the United States which require a minimum academic achievement and there certainly isn't a need for one in this case.

Student Parliament has expressed a continuous wish for more power. Perhaps it could find another area where more power needs to be exercised and relinquish its "assistance" on class elections to the people involved.

This is the final issue of the Drumbeat. Publication must be stopped due to the graduation of seniors, namely Lancea McCloud, who does all the mechanical work.

It is hoped that the Drumbeat this year has been informative and pleasurable to students, faculty, and parents.



Chieftian Marching Band Makes Final Appearance

The 125 member Okemos Chieftain Marching Band will make its final appearance of the season this Saturday, June 6th, 1964, at the annual Kiwanis Sponsored Okemos Festival Parade at 11:00 a.m.

This appearance was voted by the band membership as a regular public performance for 9th, 10th and 11th grade members. In as much as school has concluded for the 20 graduating seniors the performance will be on a voluntary basis for the class of 1964. Those 17 seniors who have volunteered to march Saturday (for their last appearance) include the following: Barbara Bartlett, Bob Bratzler, Sue Garlinghouse, Carol Hickling, Eric Keesler, Greg Miller (graduating drum major,) Pam Nagle (head twirler), Dave Overhouse (president of the band), Carol Reed, Janne Rutherford, Jim Somers, Fred Stehman, Gary Sturk, Gail Turner, Mary Unruh, Alan VanDyke and Terri White.

All of the graduating seniors from the band, plus an additional 4 graduating from the orchestra were guests of the Mueller's (OHS band and orchestra director) for a spaghetti dinner Tuesday evening June 2. This has been an annual custom for the past eleven years.

The Chieftan marching band also held drum-major try-outs last week with several members trying out for position. The newly elected drum-major is sophomore Dave Hart, oboist, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hart of Mt. Hope Avenue.

SENIOR SKIP DAY TWO DAY

SLATED THURSDAY

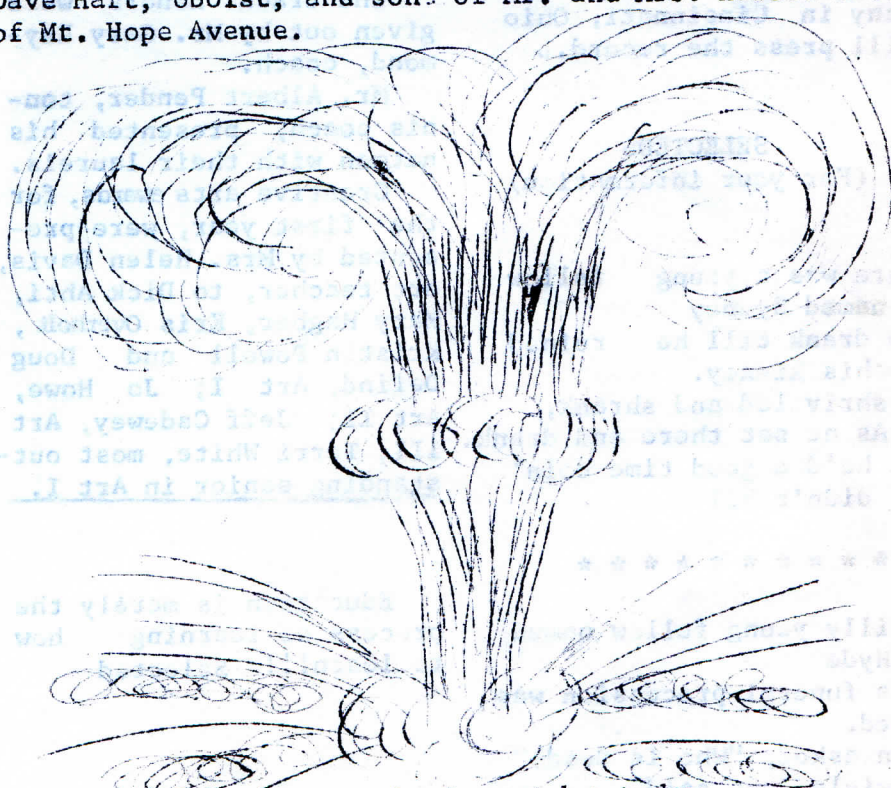
Jim Kiomento, chairman of the Senior Skip Day committee, announced that seniors are to meet at Pam Diehl's house at 8:00 tomorrow morning. This is been planned so that the majority of the senior will arrive at Sagatauck at about the same time. The cars, however, will not drive in a caravane because this is considered to be a hazardous form of driving.

Students are to provide their own food and drink or bring money to purchase food there.

Students should also bring articles for recreation, such as, beach balls or footballs.

A party is planned for the seniors upon arrival back at Okemos at the home of Geri Kalush.

The only certain thing in life is the uncertainty of life - selected.



Well, I see Physics projects are due today.

Band Records 2nd Disc OHS

A 12 inch, 33 1/3 long playing record featuring the Okemos symphonic band, concert orchestra and pep combo may now be ordered from director Mr. Mueller, orchestra president Barbara Vary or president Dave Overhouse.

The two musical groups have gathered tapes from district festivals, concerts, and assemblies to put together the record.

Selections from the 125-piece band include "Apollo March," "First Swedish Rhapsody," "Concert Overture for Band," "Orometheus Overture", "Universal Judgement" and "Rush Street Tarantella". The 40-piece orchestra has re-recorded "Overture to Smason" and "Variations on a Theme by Handel" and the pep combo has taped Okemos' fight song, "American Sweetheart".

The record will be the second one produced by Okemos instrumentalists.

"At that time 225 copies were sold," Mr. Mueller said. "This year the record will again cost \$3.25. The price includes the printed album jacket with a picture of each group, the record, taxes and royalties to the publisher," Mr. Mueller added.

Findlay Recording Company in Cincinnati, Ohio will press the record.

SELECTEDS

(For your information)

There was a young fellow
named Sydney
Who drank till he ruined
his kidney.
It shriveled and shrank,
As he sat there and drank.
But he'd a good time doin'
it, didn't he?

A silly young fellow named
Hyde
In a funeral procession was
spied.
When asked, "Who is dead?"
He gighed and said,
"I don't know; I just came
for the ride."

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They in turn presented Mrs. Gretchen Tetraault, cheerleading sponsor, with ribbons won at cheerleading camp.

The track honors were given out by Mr. Gary Raymond, coach.

Mr. Albert Pender, tennis coach, presented his netmen with their laurels.

Creative arts awards, for the first year, were presented by Mrs. Helen Davis, art teacher, to Dick Ahti, Mary Hagber, Kris Overholt, Kristin Powell and Doug Delind, Art I; Jo Howe, Art II; Jeff Cadewey, Art III; Terri White, most outstanding senior in Art I.

Education is merely the process of learning how to learn!!! Selected

Today the 5th hour girls physical education class went over to the home of Lancea McCloud for a lesson in lifesaving. They took their lunches and bought coke and had their lunch by the pool. They returned at 2:30.

OHS

Pete Georgiday, Okemos High School sophomore, on the way to and from the journalism-yearbook field trip at Mt. Clemens, Michigan, smashed his existing "Edsel Spotting" record. He spotted 26 Edsels.

OHS

The following senior parties are being given:
Wednesday - Vicki Pearce
Thursday - Skip Day,
Party at Geri Kalush's
Friday - Ann Nimphia
Sunday - Ralph Guthrie
Monday - Sue Garlinghouse
Tuesday - Walnut Hills
Underclassmen will just have to suffer!!!

OHS

All senior books and equipment must be turned in by 4:00 today.

OHS

There are six more days left for underclassmen.

OHS

Any students who would like to work in the cafeteria, to fill the vacancies left by seniors, are asked to contact Mrs. Everett.

OHS

The final government seminar was held at the home of Lancea McCloud on Thursday, May 28.

It was a combination seminar and splash party. Not much seminar.

Ode To Lovers...

(with apologies)

Love is a many splendored thing! And we're out to prove it.

The atmosphere at Okemos High School is not only one of good old American learning, but also that of love, flowers, love, sunshine, mush, and the greenness of eternal spring.

For this reason I have dedicated this poem (which I probably shouldn't own up to) to the lovers of OHS.

TO SCHOLARLY LOVERS

It's nice to have a lover at school,
But teachers don't think it's so cool.

The definition of passion is suffering,
In class we do plenty of this,
It's friendship with others we miss.

It's fun to walk hand in hand---
But there's always someone following with tamborene
and band.

To kiss in the hall is a ball,
Imagine it done by all.

The teachers could do it too,
But they'd get thrown out of school.

Then no one would teach us,
But lovers could love without fuss.

It's nice to have a lover at school,
But teachers don't think it's so cool.

Unfortunately.....

Editor's note: I do not think you should own up to
this creation (?) either.....ec

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY FOR SENIORS

Okemos Day Slated For June 6th

The second annual Kiwanis Club - sponsored Okemos Day will be June 6. The official Okemos weekend is June 5 and 6.

A parade Saturday morning at 11 a.m. will feature the 125-member Okemos High School band, its twirlers and drum major, an Okemos queen, antique cars, decorated bicycles and children wearing elaborate costumes.

Carnival rides and side-shows, an ox roast and an auction to raise money for the Kiwanis youth program are other facets of Okemos Day, Mr. Mel Avery said.

The festivities will take place behind Grettenberger's Drug Store and the Church House of the Okemos Community Church

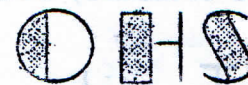
Classes Visit Modern Yearbook

The Okemos High School journalism and yearbook classes went on a field trip to Modern Yearbook Company Tuesday, according to Miss Marcia Boznango, journalism and yearbook advisor.

The class visited the printing plant in Mt. Clemens, Michigan, then moved to the bindery.

At the bindery they picked up the 550 copies of this year's Tomahawk.

"Moonlight and Roses"



Attracts Over 150

The 1964 Junior-Senior Prom, "Moonlight and Roses", was held at the Jack Tar Ball Room May 23. Approximately 150 students that attended.

Upon entering the room, couples passed between two white railings that led to a three tier flower cart. The cart, which was obtained from Barnes Avenue Floral, had ivy woven about the sides and on the top tier. The second tier contained a multitude of artificial roses while the bottom tier contained favors.

The prom favors were prepared by a committee headed by Pat Harmon. The 125 favors were made of velvet paper and topped off by a satin rose on the cover. Favors were red with white roses or white with red roses.

The bandstand was surrounded by a white railing and flanked by two rose trees. Each table was decorated with a centerpiece of mums, roses and gladioluses. The centerpieces were given to faculty members and chaperons after the dance. A large bouquet of flowers also garnished the refreshment table.

The bouquet was later taken to the Okemos Rehabilitation Center.

During intermission ceremonies the 1964 Prom Queen, Steffi Saebel, was crowned by chairman of the prom, Dick Hill. Steffi's date, Dick Gilbert, a 1963 graduate of Okemos High School was crowned King.

Yearbooks Delivered

Yearbooks were delivered today. The yearbook class picked up the yearbooks during the yearbook and journalism fieldtrip to the Modern Yearbook Company in Mt. Clemens yesterday.

For the first time in Okemos High School history, the Tomahawk has a seal on the cover. This year the yearbook is 136 pages long.

Picking up the yearbooks at the bindery saved about three days in delivery.

All books must be returned by June 4, Mrs. Mary Sheldon said. The library must have the books back so inventory can be taken. For this reason no books may be taken out after June 3.

Mrs. Sheldon also asked that any library books found in the cafeteria or elsewhere in the school be returned. A Compton's Encyclopedia, from a \$200 set is missing. The librarian asks that the Encyclopedia of American History as well as the encyclopedia be returned as soon as possible.

The director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Lansing, Mr. Haskell, spoke to Mr. John Bjorkquist's first hour biology class on Lansing's vector control program. Vector control is the control of all living organism carrying disease.

OHS

Dr. Gordon Rohman and Dr. Virgil Scott, Michigan State University professors and writers, attended writing class seminar Monday in Miss Boznango's room. They discussed and criticized writings which students had chosen as their best work this year.

OHS

Mrs. Bernice Tanner, new secretary in the high school office, will be filling in for Mrs. Reed until the end of the school year.

Mrs. Tanner, the former Mrs. Bernice Black, has been with the Okemos school system a number of years. She previously worked in the elementary schools, but she left her position last year as secretary to Mr. Robert L. Slocum, assistant superintendent.

Mrs. Tanner finds her job, her first experience with high school students "most interesting and fun."

OHS

Officers for next year's Varsity Club were elected last week. Denny Zuver was the choice for president, Jay Guertin was elected vice president, Mike Baker, secretary; Wally Reese, treasurer and Sam Hughes, Student Parliament representative.

Senior Officers Chosen

Okemos Seniors Work for Cause

By Janis Heiser

The Senior Class officers for 1964-65 were nominated and chosen last week. A nominating committee was selected on Wednesday to perform the initial nominating and was followed by a class meeting held Thursday for general nominations.

Juniors nominated for class president were Bill Burrows, Mary Crafton, Doug DeLind, and Jay Guertin. Vice-presidential nominations included Pat Harmon, Dave Price, Joel Peterson, and Dave Winters. Diane Burr, Pat Douglas, Merri Lewis and Ellen Warner were nominated as candidates for secretary. Treasurer nominations were Joanne Burr, Claudia Decker and Bonnie Lantz.

Student Parliament Representative nominations were chosen somewhat differently than the rest. One of the two representatives elected last year must also serve this year. Rick Nuemann and Beverly Smith were the two candidates. Gilbert Conklin, Mary Guile, Donna Stifler, Linda Salmonsens, Bob Graham and Bob Spengler were nominated to fill the other two remaining positions.

The election for class officers was held Friday in all Junior Classes. The results are as follows: class president, Bill Burrows; vice president, Joel Peterson; secretary, Merri Lewis; treasurer, Bonnie Lantz; Student Parliament Representative, Rick Nuemann.

An education can mean many different things to many different people. To some, who taken their education for granted, it may be a bore, a waste of time, or just simply a necessity that takes up the greater part of a person's younger years. But to others, an education is not so easy to obtain. For some people, the chance to gain a complete and accurate education may be the chance of a lifetime.

This chance has come to Okemos High School freshman, Ida Leveque. Ida is nineteen years old, but due to the fact that her family has moved from place to place, she never has been able to attend any school for more than two or three months at a time. For the first time in several years, Ida has been able to complete the school year. The Leveque family moved to the Okemos district in April.

The family is large and its only income comes from any work that Mr. or Mrs. Leveque can find. There are seven children in the family and they also have had to do odd jobs to help support themselves.

Junior Officers Nominated

Nominations for 1964-65 Junior Class officers were taken last week.

Nominations for president were D.J. Drake, Rick Noblet, Mary Willet and Karen Beck; vice president Jacquie Caul, Janet Garlinghouse, Jeff Mickles and John Phillips; secretary Linda Parks, Chris Stoll and Linda Swenson; treasurer Marilyn Cheney, Dave Johnson, Carol Scanneman and Cindy Wang.

Nominations for seats in the Student Parliament from the sophomore class were Cathy Foster, Jean Guile, Dave Hart, Susan Hause, Dick Vary, Jim Westwood and Jan Whitmore. Of the seven nominations, four will be elected.

Ida has desperately wanted an education. Through her mother she found a school in Missouri that takes children from culturally deprived homes and gives them a chance to work for their education. With the help of Mrs. Thelma Lamb, guidance counselor, Ida applied to be admitted to the School of the Ozarks in Point Lookout, Missouri. The school has about six hundred pupils who are from similarly deprived backgrounds. They work at the school for their room and board and a small amount of spending money. Ida was accepted at the school and wanted to go but several problems faced her. The school sent her the money to provide for her bus fare to Point Lookout so transportation posed no problem; but she had no luggage to take the few

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Golf Team Clinches First In Circuit

Okemos' golf team clinched first place in Captial Circuit by bounding Howell 158-170, May 25.

Howell is the only team that defeated the Chiefs this year and was the top oontender for the league title along with Okemos.

Dick Hill aced the Chief-
tains with a 37, By Guert-
in was next with 39, Bill
Conley shot a 40 and D.J.
Drake blasted a 42. By ad-
ding the Howell victory
Okemos extended its record
to 20-1.

Commencement from p. 1

the two services will be
Bob Bratzler, Janne Ruther-
ford, Dave Overhouse, Mr.
Joseph Walbridge, Mr. Dale
Shearer, Mr. George Rich-
ards, Mrs. A. P. Sinder,
Mrs. William Black, Rev.
Derwent Suthers of St.
Katherine Episcopal Church,
and Rev. William Ridenour
of Okemos Church of the
Nazarene.

Baccalaureate, beginning
at 3:30 p.m. in the high
school gymnasium, will in-
clude a sermon entitled,
"Service Beyond Self", and
the vocal solo, "The Lord's
Paryer,"

Commencement will be
the following Tuesday
evening at 8 p.m. The
graduation speech topic
is "Fast Moving Times",
and "Polacca" from the
Second Clarinet Concert
will be the featured mus-
ical entertainment.

Chiefs Finish 6-7

The Okemos baseball team ended their 1964 season with a 6 win, 7 loss record, losing their final game to Holt, 2-0.

The Chiefs were held to only 3 hits, in the fourth and seventh innings. Both of the Rams' runs came in the third inning, sparked by Al Reed's triple. Graham went to the mound for the Chiefs and allowed only 2 runs to the Rams.

Mason and O'Rafferty were responsible for two of the Chifs' losses this year, with winning runs in the last inning. Okemos de-
feated Lansing Gabriels
twice and O'Rafferty and
Haslett once. The Chiefs
were plagued by minor er-
rors midway through the
season and had trouble hit-
ting, stated Mr. Mott.

Strong hitters for the
Chiefs this year have been
seniors Bob Forsberg and
Cary Hawkins, juniors Bob
Graham and Tom Keller and
sophomores Dave Hart and
Dick Vary.

Hurlers for the Chiefs
have been senior Ron Davis,
juniors Bob Graham, Jeff
Smith and Tom Keller; and
sophomores Dave Hart and
Dick Vary.

Mr. Mott, baseball
coach, said he felt that
the Chiefs were good ball
players and he feels they
were one of the best teams
in the league. Next year,
Mr. Mott also said, he
would like to see a better
season with less mistakes
in fielding and batting.

Eight-page commencement
programs including senior
awards, scholarships;
class officers, school
board members, class sym-
bols, senior sponsors and
student parliament repre-
sentatives are being print-
ed at Myer's Printing in
Lansing.

Seniors from p. 7

things she had with her.

Student Parliament
quickly voted to provide
enough money to get the
suitcase, but she still
lacked other necessities.
The senior class decided
to get Ida ready to leave.
A collection was taken in
the senior English classes
and twentieth-eight dollars
was collected the first
day. Several senior girls
went shopping with the mon-
ey and bought the neces-
sary things that she
needed to start at the
school.

Many of the girls
brought clothes for her to
take with her including
skirts, sweaters, blouses,
dresses and coats.

Ida had never been on a
bus before, and was ner-
vous about making the long
trip. Miss Marcia Boznan-
go was leaving for Kansas
City early Thursday after-
noon and since she planned
to get near Point Lookout
in Missouri, she offered
to have Ida accompany her.

With her own drive and
ambition, and the help of
a few other people Ida
will be able to get the
education that she desper-
ately wants.