

1965 ECHO Completed

Finished nearly one month ahead of schedule, the '65 Echo is rolling on the press.

With the turmoil finally over, editors Jan Waggoner and Anita Jamrog smile with pride and relief. Looking forward to an "All American" rating, the entire staff has a feeling of satisfaction after many long hours of work.

Members of the '66 staff advised by Mrs. David Skarvi, have started to work already. Hopes are held high for next year's Echo, since co-editors and all section editors will be attending summer seminars. A nautical theme will provide a good basis to work from. They are now planning the blue print book.

HONOR STUDENTS NAMED

By Diane Levenson
Honor students for the class of '65 were announced by Miss Hazel Dowd, principal, during a short assembly attended by all seniors. This year's senior class will graduate 325 members, with 53 or 17% of them having attained a 3.0 grade point average or better out of a possible 4.0.

Averages for the top ten honor students range from 3.917 to 3.682, along with Valedictorian Bobbie Cranston and Salutatorian Les Harper are Pam Staton, Linda Keifgen, Diane Levenson, Pat Wiggins, John Washburn, Colette Schulte, Gloria Bleshinski, and Vickie Rayner.



Introducing

Judy Greiner is spotlighted as freshman this issue.

Judy is a ninth grade cheerleader and a member of the Marlinettes.

Last year she attended Holy Family School.



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"Moments to Remember" by Marlinettes to be April 9 - 10

GIRLS SWIM THRU SEASON

By Lyn Akers

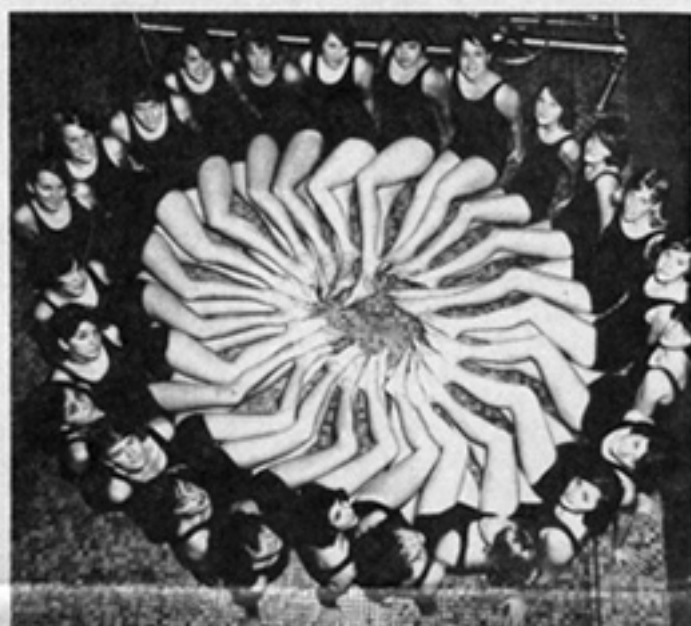
There is a surprise package in this year's Marlinette production, "Moments to Remember" to be presented April 9 and 10.

Christmas and Halloween, Easter and the Fourth of July will happen all in one night. A fire baton in the dark of the pool will highlight the program. Seniors can enjoy graduation two months early with the June number. Just before the finals will come the Christmas surprise and only the Marlinettes know what will be inside. Ray Coniff's "Moments to Remember" will end the show with thirty-two of the forty-two Marlinettes wearing their new team suits.

Mrs. Marcia Dresch, team coach, and the club have many helpers. Eleanor Harger and Sue Thompson have taken on the responsibility of publicity and staging. An art student chosen by Miss Joyce Groenleer is planning the program. Girls from Mrs. Dresch's physical education class have been painting ten foot calendars to add to the novelty of the production. Miss Joan VandenPosch will be on hand to swing the spotlight on the girls and the calendars.

Solos, duets, trios, and larger groups will be swimming through the season and months of the year.

April 15 Mrs. Irelan, Home-Ec teacher, will marry Mr. Harold Haldorf. The couple will reside at 3198 E. Cook Road.



MARINETTES READY FOR SHOW

PLANS BEGIN FOR PROM

By Jeanie Stevenson
The cafeteria and recreation room will be transformed into a French ballroom, completing the theme, "Some Enchanting Evening," at the Junior Senior Prom being held on May 15.

Bob Alexander's fourteen piece band and vocalist will add a special attraction from 9:00 to 12:00.

Senior Prom chairmen Lesley Harper, Pam Gattrell and Carley King are working with junior chairmen Jane Ward and Mona Pennett. Heads of other committees are: decorations, Pat Rozof and Sherry Freeman; refreshments, Sandy Nichols and Fidget Farmer; publicity and tickets, Pam Staton and Peggy Chapman; special services, Ed Farnes and Jeanie Stevenson; clean-up, Chuck Schneider.

Any interested person who would like to work with the prom committees are asked to contact one of the above chairmen.

"Brigadoon"

Comes to

Life in G.B.

By Nancy Marlow

"Brigadoon" is the title of the musical to be presented by the A-Capella Choir on May 19 through 22.

The musical begins as Tommy Albright and Jeff Douglas, two young New Yorkers of the present day, stumble on Brigadoon, an eighteenth century Scottish village, which comes into being for only one day in each century. The two men find the villagers happily participating in the celebration of a wedding which should have taken place two centuries earlier.

Leads in the musical will include Lena Goodchild, Tom Tirrell, Terry Maxey, Chris Spaulding, Bob Peterson, and Bruce Farrell.



V.I.P.

By Jan Waggoner

I feel there's a great deal of work to be done in regard to discipline in general. The need right now is to enforce the rules that we already have rather than create new ones." These are the sentiments of Cal Woodring, the newly elected Student Court Judge and this Cal is one of five boys and three girls in the Woodring family. Most of his time is involved with working with pre-teens and junior high school boys of the West Flint Church of God and in preparation for future week-end tours of the state for evangelistic work with another young man from the church.

However, Cal enjoys drama and has participated in several school plays. In the senior class play, "Teahouse of the August Moon," he merited the role of Sakini, the male lead. Other plays in which Cal has taken part include "Dino," "Impromptu," "Skin of Our Teeth," and "Oedipus Rex."

Next September will find Cal attending Lee College, a four year liberal arts college in Cleveland, Tennessee, where he aspires to pursue the field of the ministry for the Church of God. Upon graduation Cal hopes to go into missionary work wherever he is most needed.

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Local Speech Winners Announced

By Joan Nolde

March 11, the local speech contest was held at Grand Blanc. Winners of the various divisions will compete in the district contest at North-western sometime between March 22 and April 10.

The entrants were judged by Mrs. Carter, Miss Spearman, Miss Grogg and Mr. Klose. Mr. Klose is the group's sponsor.

Interpretive Readings are speeches on a topic taken from a list which is drawn up by the Forensics Association of Michigan. Laurie Luciani won top honors and was followed by Leslie Harper.

Humorous Readings are also based on the selected list. Linda Koepgen placed first and Sue Ginsberg was second.

An Original Oratory is an original speech which is memorized. Earning first position was Mike Hale. Second place was gained by Vicki Vorce.

An Extemporaneous speech is one which is chosen from a list of subjects one hour before the contest. The subject usually concerns politics, government and current events. Karl Kontyko received all honors in this division. Igan in Flint. Regional winners receive scholarships from the Detroit Free Press. Other awards are the forensics pin or key, and certificates of participation.

Mr. Klose will be teaching a debate and forensics class next year. This might interest those who wish to learn to use their voices to the fullest extent, and gain self-satisfaction.

Winners of the district contest will go on to the regional events at the University of Michigan.

Cagers Named to All-County

Juniors Mike Morrison, Bob Miller, Dan Mc Auliffe and senior, Rich Ward were named to the Honorable Mention section of "Big Nine Conference" for basketball.

EDITORIALS

The Popularity Office

By Peggy Chapman

Whether it be Homecoming Queen, class officer, Student Council representative or Student Judge, we as G.B. students have the responsibility to make choices every day.

In any election there are certain thoughts to be considered, those being the candidates level of integrity, personality, moral behavior, scholastic ability and leadership qualities. During the Student Court Judge campaign speeches, we all heard Cal Woodring state, "Sometimes I think we should institute an office in this school and call it the popularity office." This might be a good idea since popularity is all some people consider when voting for a candidate. There are people who have much initiative but cannot be elected to office because they are not in the so called "right crowd."

Before we vote, we should know what we want and expect of the candidate. If it is popularity let's get together and start working on the "popularity" office.

America The Beautiful

By Vicki Gallardo

At one of the recent Detroit basketball tournaments, several youths were stabbed in what police called a purely racially motivated incident.

This incident may have been in protest against the treatment of Negroes in Selma, or simply a protest against a society that declares its citizens equal but denies its Southern Negro the right to vote.

Is this America the beautiful, land of the free? We like to think of it as the nation of freedoms. Freedom to think, say, and do as we please so long as it does not endanger the lives or property of others. But how free is a nation when a part of its populace cannot exercise his American right to vote? We seem to have a pretty poor definition of freedom.

The American Negro has become a confused individual who knows where he would like to go, but is not sure of how to get there. He seeks the rights, freedoms, and privileges of his fellow white citizens - the things he has every right to receive. The persecution he is subjected to is not only unfair, but displays the true, and unfortunate, attitude of some Americans.

The right to vote freely and independently was one of the basic ideals in establishing this country. But when certain individuals are denied this right, the entire principle which helped to found this country is automatically damaged.

What determines who may vote and who may not? Surely age is a factor; but does the color of one's skin make him more or less intelligent, more or less capable to help choose a president or state official?

The determination of our Negroes to obtain equality is displayed in demonstrations, rallies, and even riots. This open rebellion is a last resort to settling differences in a peaceful fashion. When a minority can arouse the attention of the entire nation, as it has recently, it is obviously time to do something about the situation.

Education can be the first step in developing inter-racial understanding, because without education one can not offer an intelligent solution to any problem. The rest is up to the people themselves. They must have the desire to try to eliminate this ugly scar that obstructs the image of the mythical America. The one that reveals that America is not so beautiful.

Miss Dowd Addresses Students in Assemblies

By Darrel Neilson

Throughout the morning of March 24 the Grand Blanc students attended assemblies at which Principal Miss Hazel Dowd spoke on discipline and the actions of students.

Miss Dowd opened the first assembly by telling the eleventh and twelfth grade boys that before her she saw a group of nice looking students. She then explained the reasons for calling the assembly.

To the students, the number one item on her list was disrespect toward faculty and other adults. She stressed the importance of respect to all adults and explained that respect begins within one's self.

Miss Dowd spoke of the importance of one's high school education. She told how many young people after leaving high school without obtaining

a diploma realize its importance only when it is too late.

Also Miss Dowd mentioned dress in school. She said there was no need to go overboard; to be neat and clean is sufficient.

Juniors Put "Bells on Their Toes"

By Carole Reppenhagen

The Junior Play "Bells On Their Toes," will be presented on April 23-24 at 8:00 P.M.

This comedy is a continuation of the book *Cheaper By the Dozen*.

The mother has taken over her husband's job, since his death, and must go on many lecturing tours. The story describes her 12 children managing the household while she is gone.

The cast consists of Stu Duckworth, Joan Nolde,

Janet Thornton, Mike Morrison, Raegene Hewett, Darrell Neilson, Jeff Rogers, Don Dewey, Wayne Barker, Larry Story, Greg Blue, Jerry Thrall, Dan James, and Bob Hull. It is under the direction of Miss Beverly Spearman and student director, Connie Miller.

The junior class had a guest speaker March 3, Mr. Huffman from General Motors Institute. Mr. Huffman wrote a letter to Miss Dowd which was read in all assemblies.

He stated he felt his audience had been disrespectful and rude.

Moreover Miss Dowd spoke of the problem of physical contact in school. This is against school rules and violating this rule is subject to five days

Punishment for cheating students will be left to the discretion of the teacher.

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For The Want Of A Horse-Shoe Nail

By Donna Crunkleton

"A little neglect may breed great mischief: for want of a nail the shoe was lost; for want of a shoe the horse was lost; and for the want of a horse the rider was lost, being overtaken and slain by an enemy, all for want of a little care about a horse-shoe nail." This food for thought was contributed to American Literature by Benjamin Franklin. (Don't stop reading; this isn't about American Literature.)

This is a familiar quote and it could pertain to many situations. While listening to Miss Dowd speak in the assembly last Wednesday, this quote flashed through my mind when I finally aimed the blame at the target I feel is responsible for our situation. I am that target along with every student in Grand Blanc High School.

Perhaps you're saying, "Well-you certainly don't see me SMOKING in lavatories, or deliberately and continually late for class or cutting class, and you CERTAINLY don't find me NECKING in school!" A minority of us is responsible for all these more outstanding offenses, but the minority isn't wholly responsible for the attitude of all of us. And all of us do contribute in small ways to this attitude which gives our school the atmosphere Mr. Huffman justly criticized.

Everytime our actions have deviated from the correct, regardless of how insignificant we have felt these violations are, we have contributed to the attitude that is hurting us and everyone in G.P.H.S. Our attitude has not only hurt our reputation and perhaps kept some of us from obtaining the most from our educational opportunities here, but it has hurt us in sports too. The pitiful but ironic situation is that our attitude is hurting us and directly.

I've heard many people remark that they wish Mr. Huffman could return so we, as an audience, could give him the respect and attention he merits. Unfortunately yesterday is gone. The rudeness to Mr. Huffman can't be repealed; we as fans and players cannot change football or basketball season; we cannot erase any unfavorable incidents which have occurred. We can, however change the attitude of our school with concentrated efforts and cooperation by everyone. And there are plenty of reasons to change it; today and tomorrow are full of opportunities well deserving of a "good" attitude. None of us want to be that horse-shoe nail responsible for a slain rider.

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No more passes will be issued at the office for students late to classes. All students in the halls after classes begin are required to have a pass from a teacher.

When the warning bell rings at 8:10 all students must report to homeroom immediately. Loitering in the halls will not be condoned. No student will be excused from homeroom; students have misused the privilege of "checking out" for various activities. In homeroom it is required of everyone to give attention to the Pledge of Allegiance. The flag merits our attention and respect, Miss Dowd explained, and it is more important than any individual.

Because of the needless confusion in the general office, students were told not to be there without a legitimate reason, mainly illness of necessary business. Students driving to school were told the first two rows of parking space were reserved for the faculty.

Smoking in the lavatories was another problem discussed in the assembly. The girls were commended for their good record on this score. Miss Dowd reminded all that it is illegal for minors to smoke, and violators were subject to jurisdiction of the law. She reminded students of their responsibility in maintaining the fine building that has been provided for them.

Miss Dowd stated that these problems are created by a minority, but it is the responsibility of all to keep the standards of Grand Blanc High School high.

The first and worst of all frauds is to cheat oneself. G. Pailey

Five Juniors Run for Asst. Judge By Cindy Dagg

Five students from the junior class are running in the May election of Assistant Judge for the Student Court. The candidates are Ray Kern, John Sundwick, Bridgid Farner, Dan McAuliffe, and Darrel Neilson.

Each of these students represent a diversification of interest and participation in various school activities prior to their candidacies. Both Bridgid and John are actively interested in music. Bridgid is a drummer in the band, while John is a member of the choir. Darrel is an honor student and a sportswriter for the Banner staff, while Dan currently fills the position of junior class vice president. Ray's chief interest lies in the debate team and politics.

In order to run, each



G.B. Cats Have Title Hopes

By Darrel Neilson

Baseball is back, and G.B. under the coaching of Mr. Joseph Pitcock, is "hot to go!" Baseball is one of the most popular professional sports. Yet at G.B. where are the spectators? It could not be that G.B. has no talent. Last year the basetallers finished second in the Big Nine Conference. They lost the title in the final game to Kearsley.

This year, the team will have an equal amount of talent. Gary Buck, sophomore will return. He was one of the few Grand Blancers ever to make "First Team All-County" in his freshman year.

Dave Pickley will be sharing the pitching honors with Buck. Other returning lettermen are Mike Clase, Terry Maxey, and Don Grovesteen.

candidate must petition and gather a total of fifty signatures. The assistant judge will act as an apprentice under Senior Student Court Judge Cal Woodring for the remainder of the year. The junior judge will take over the following year as chairman of the court, when he will hear cases concerning misbehavior at

supervised functions, improper dress and other violations against the rules established by the Student Council. The judge shall see that measures recommended by the court are carried out, however, the emphasis is not a punishment, but correction.

According to the Student Court Constitution the purpose of setting up a Student Court is "to promote responsibility on the part of the student body in self-government, to promote better conduct on the part of the individual students, to increase respect for school property, to make the smoothe operation of the school easier, to increase the respect of students for members of the school staff and for themselves."

(Pictured at left are candidates. Darrel Neilson may be seen at by-lined column above.)



Ray Kern



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